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No 10 fights back as rift widens

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

The divisions within the Conservative Party, publicly exposed on Sunday by Mr John Biffen, Leader of the Commons, widened yesterday as the Prime Minister, Downing Street and the whips attempted to counter the public impression of disarray.

Some Government whips accused Mr Biffen of saying nothing of substance and of simply attempting to stir up trouble.

Other backbenchers said they detected signs of Government alarm. Downing Street will today be watching Mr Biffen with some trepidation, as he is scheduled to make a speech to the Parliamentary Press Gallery and there were no signs last night that he intended to modify his criticism of Government strategy in the run-up to the election.



Captain's call: David Gower after his appointment as England captain yesterday (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Gower on trial as captain

By John Goodbody

David Gower is on a three-month trial as captain of the England cricket team. The Leicestershire batsman was yesterday reappointed to lead England, but only for this month's two Test one-day internationals and the first of the three World Cup Tests against India which begins on June 5.

The selectors, chaired by Peter May, a former England captain, informed Gower that they "are determined to improve standards both on and off the field and have made it clear that they expect their players once again to show a real pride in playing."

Activists infiltrate pickets

By Michael Harsnell

Evidence of increasing political infiltration of the Wapping dispute by groups of left-wing activists emerged yesterday as police disclosed that 332 officers have been injured in picket-line violence.

Increased violence emanating from that frustration, nurtured by far-left activists, would not displease groups such as the Socialist Workers' Party and the Revolutionary Communist Party.

Moscow admits second disaster barely averted

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Disturbing details of the narrowness with which the Soviet Union last week avoided a second nuclear disaster at the Chernobyl reactor much more serious than the original explosion on April 26 were provided yesterday by the Soviet scientist leading the clean-up operation.

Western experts said that his account confirmed that Soviet teams had been struggling to avert a meltdown of the stricken reactor which could have forced the molten core into contact with water below it, causing massive contamination risks for the Soviet Union and the world at large.

The dangers were alluded to in a Pravda report from the disaster zone which stated after receiving details from the scientist, Professor Evgeny Velikhov: "Ten days after the breakdown, there existed the threat that it could have gained in scope."

Such a complex position: it was essential to estimate the situation very accurately and not to make a single error."

Concern was great because there had been a special reservoir underneath which possibly contained water and no one knew how the reactor would have behaved if it had fallen in.

Pravda also reported that the authorities plan to launch a large-scale education programme to explain "the dangers of radiation and all its specific features" to the 84,000 evacuees from the immediate area of the plant now moved to makeshift accommodation in the Kiev region.

Sweden detects long-life fallout

Stockholm (Reuter) - Swedish scientists, who alerted the world to the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, said yesterday they had measured the first traces of plutonium, one of the longest lasting radioactive elements, in emissions from the plant.

Mr Jan-Olof Snihls of the Radiation Protection Institute said that tiny quantities of plutonium, which remains its maximum radioactivity for 24,000 years, had been found in rainwater on Sweden's east coast.

He said radiation from the plutonium - a by-product of nuclear power generation which is also used in atomic weapons - had been measured at up to 20 per cent above normal background levels but was not dangerous.

The Soviet authorities had agreed to provide regular reports on radiation levels to other countries after talks last week with Mr Hans Blix, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Tomorrow Charity cash flow. How the world's \$100 million raised by Bob Geldof and Band Aid is being spent.

Portfolio Gold. The Times Portfolio Gold daily competition prize of £4,000 was shared yesterday by two readers - details, page 3.

Nurses review. Plans for a radical change in nurse training that would mean student nurses were no longer used to keep wards running were welcomed yesterday by the Royal College of Nursing.

Music feast. Robert Ponsbury, recently retired as the BBC's Controller, Music, introduces the 1986 Proms season.

FOCUS. The domestic TV set is at the centre of a social revolution already under way with electronic mail, video books and automatic shopping.

Labour left opens nuclear power rift

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

A deep split in the Labour Party over the future of the nuclear power industry was exposed in a Commons debate yesterday as Mr John Cunningham, Labour's chief spokesman on the environment, called for a halt to the expansion of the industry but flatly opposed the demand of the left for it to be phased out under a Labour government.

protection simply by deciding to close down industries. Nor should Socialists accept that we can protect the environment by undermining the economic and social well-being of our communities."

Prison officers ready to lift strike threat

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Prison Officers' Association is recommending to its members that they formally remove the threat of industrial action, but the ballot will not be taken until after the annual conference next week and an important difference of interpretation remains between the Government and the officers.

The formula covering the difference is that 14 days' notice should be given by governors or branches when they seek to alter agreements. If there is disagreement either side can take it higher.

Shipyard jobs threat

British Shipbuilders last night refused to comment on reports that the firm is to make 3,500 workers redundant.

The redundancies would involve a third of the total workforce. A spokesman said last night that company officials were meeting the unions tomorrow in Newcastle upon Tyne

New health clamp on Kiev

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Stringent new health warnings have been issued to more than two million Soviet residents of Kiev, the third largest Soviet city, after recent changes in wind direction increased radiation levels in the Ukrainian capital, which is still barred to Western diplomats and newsmen.

The first news of the new warnings reached Moscow only last night with the arrival here of a copy of the official Ukrainian daily, Pravda Ukrainy, dated Sunday, May 11 - the day that Soviet officials say that the danger of a catastrophic nuclear

medical advice printed in the paper urged all residents of the city and surrounding areas, which are now crowded with some 90,000 evacuees from the Chernobyl exclusion zone, to wash themselves and their homes regularly, to stop drinking alcohol, smoking and eating greens and to prevent their children from playing on the ground.

Helicopter crash in Falklands

An airborne rescue operation was under way last night in the Falkland Islands after an RAF Chinook helicopter with sixteen people on board crashed in a remote part of the Falkland Islands.

The helicopter, from RAF Pleasant, was flying from Byron Heights to Mount Alice, East Falkland, when it crashed on Mount Young. A Ministry of Defence spokesman said last night that there were casualties. It is believed at least two people have died and others are injured.

SAA certainly lived up to its reputation of efficient and pleasant cabin crew and excellent food. Only SAA fly to and from South Africa via London Heathrow Terminal 1, for fast easy connections throughout the UK, Ireland and Europe.

Domenico - a boy born to live in fear of his life

From Peter Nichols, Rome

The fate of an 11-year-old boy who is not called Domenico has shocked opinion here with the harsh variant it provides on cruelty to children.

Violence struck at him even before he was born. His father and one of his brothers, then aged 4 and 5 were murdered by killers who entered their home

gave birth to Domenico three months later. As the men in the family were gradually eliminated - all 36 dead were male relatives - the boy's grandmother took charge of the family and continually upbraided him as a child who showed fear.

Domenico woke up in the night screaming, and was constantly worried that the windows might not be firmly locked and that sounds of vomiting and crying which the grandmother attributed to mice were in fact, one of the explanations heard for the strong

times originated not only in supposed imbeds but also as a result of violent quarrels over control of localities useful for concealing victims of the lucrative kidnapping business.

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Study casts doubt on government proposals to reform the rates

By Colin Hughes

Government proposals to reform the rates would need huge safety nets to prevent unequal shifts in the amount householders pay, according to an independent study published yesterday.

The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy calculates that, under some of the options outlined in the Government's rate reform Green Paper, about £3,500 million out of the present £11,800 million in government grant would need to be redistributed to cancel out the effects of change.

The institute also says that the proposal to introduce a national rate on business

premises, and pool the proceeds centrally, would mean central government having control of 75 per cent of local government funds. At present central grants make up 44 per cent of local spending.

The CIFPA analysis is certain to fuel criticism of the Government's claim that the Green Paper proposals would improve accountability.

The Green Paper suggested replacing domestic rates with a new "community charge", which would be the same for all adults in each local authority area. But even with large safety nets, and the needs of each council balanced across the whole country, people in

London would pay considerably more than those outside the capital.

For example, each adult living in 10 out of 13 inner London boroughs would pay between £250 and £400, with only Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, and Westminster coming out lower.

In outer London each adult would pay between £150 and £300 in most authorities, with those in Haringey paying £422 and £371 in Brent. Outside London most people would pay between £100 and £200.

Paying for Local Government, Beyond the Green Paper (CIFPA, 3 Robert Street, London WC2N 6BH; £25).

£50m plan for new fleet of lifeboats

The Royal National Lifeboat Institution announced a £50 million scheme yesterday to replace entirely its fleet of ageing lifeboats with faster vessels by 1993.

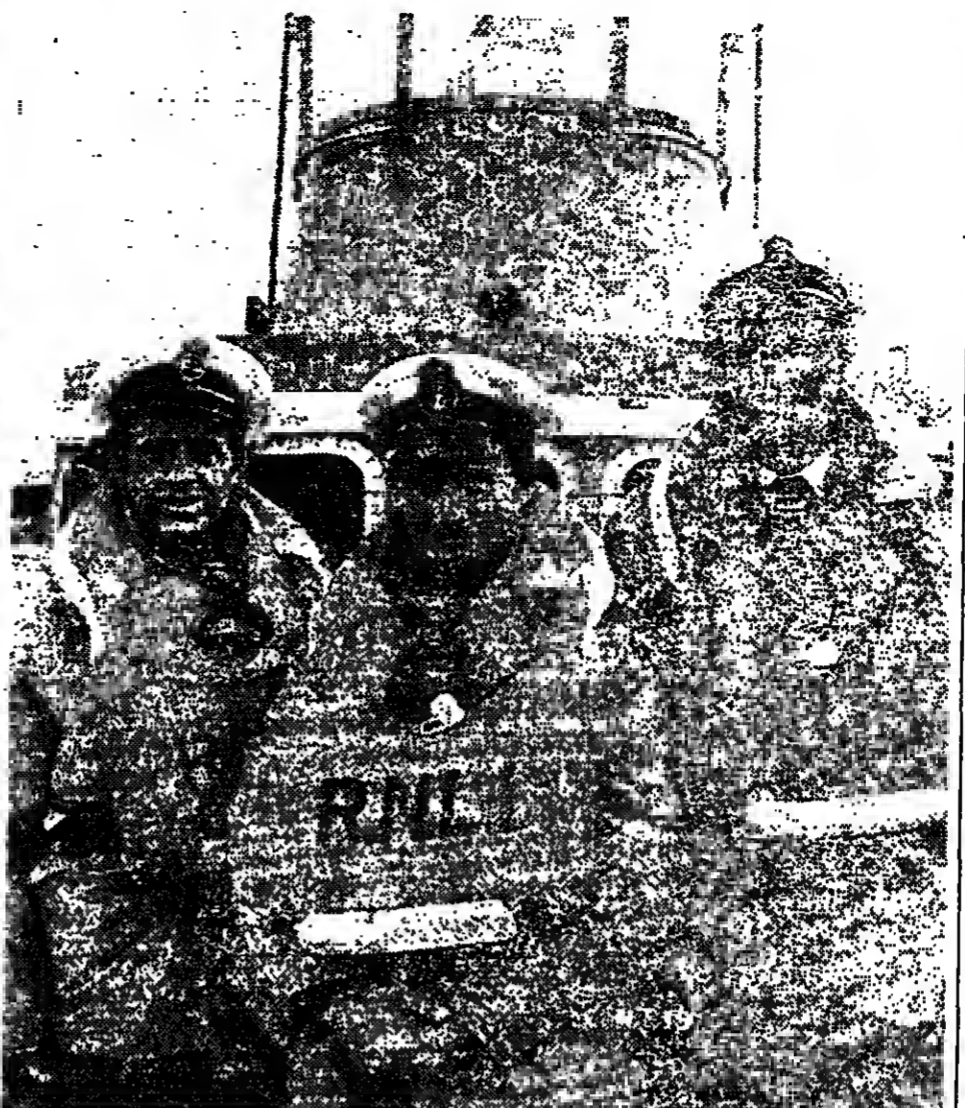
The ambitious programme will mean phasing out the slower wooden-hull lifeboats, which have recently undergone costly repairs, with a series of swifter craft at all 200 RNLI stations.

"This is an ambitious goal and will involve doubling our normal rate of boat building," the Duke of Atholl, the RNLI's chairman, said at the organization's annual general meeting in London.

Already 20 new lifeboats are under construction with a similar number of inflatables and rigid inflatables on order for delivery this year. The organization is also developing a new vessel called the Fast Carriage Boat.

The cost of the new fleet is being met by a reserve fund, which has already covered 10 per cent of the spending. The rest of the money will be found by increased fund-raising and donations.

After the announcement, the Duke of Kent, president of the RNLI, presented bravery awards to Coxswain Ronald Cannon, of Ramsgate, Acting Coxswain Peter Bisson, of St Peter Port, and Helmsman Alan Clarke, of Hunstanton.



Honoured lifeboatmen are, (left) Acting Coxswain Peter Bisson, Bronze Medal; Coxswain Ronald Cannon, Silver Medal; and Helmsman Alan Clarke, Bronze Medal (Photograph: John Manning).

NUJ asks Biffen to halt Times action

The National Union of Journalists yesterday called on the House of Commons Committee of Privileges to reconsider its move to punish *The Times* and Mr Richard Evans, its lobby reporter, over a leaked report.

In a letter to Mr John Biffen, Leader of the House of Commons, Mr Jacob Eccleston, the union's deputy general secretary, said he believed such action would have "the most serious effect on relations between Parliament and the press".

The committee is recommending to MPs that Mr Evans be barred from the Commons for six months. It found that he had committed a serious contempt of Parliament by leaking a draft report of the environment select committee on nuclear waste.

The recommendation - for his suspension and also the withdrawal of one *Times* lobby pass - is likely to be voted on in the Commons before the Whitsun recess on May 23.

Mr Eccleston said that Parliament would come into some disrepute and democracy would suffer.

"It seems to me that the purposes and duties of Parliament and the press are constantly separate, generally independent and sometimes diametrically opposite."

Tower is the top attraction

The Tower of London and Madame Tussaud's waxworks in London were at the top of Britain's paid-for attractions again last year.

Between them they had 4,742,000 visitors - 2,430,000 at the Tower, and 2,312,000 at Tussaud's - according to the British Tourist Authority.

But where admission is free

the way was led by Blackpool's pleasure beach, with 6,500,000 visitors, the British Museum with 3,822,000 and the National Gallery in London with 3,156,000.

Overall visits to heritage and leisure attractions last year rose by 5 per cent over the previous year.

After the Tower and Madame Tussaud's came the Alton

Towers theme park in Staffordshire, the Jewel House in the Tower of London, London Zoo, Kew Gardens, Thorpe Park in Surrey, the tower at Blackpool, Bath's Roman Baths and Pump Room, and Edinburgh Castle. Where admission is free the London museums were followed by Bradgate Park in Leicestershire, the National Railway Museum in York, and the Burrell Collection in Glasgow.

Solicitors' historic day in High Court

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Leo Abse, Labour MP for Torfaen, was the first of three solicitors who made legal history yesterday when they appeared robed and in wing collars before a High Court judge in open court.

The solicitors' appearance, to announce a settlement to Mr Abse's now-celebrated libel action brought on behalf of 25 MPs, marks the end of the barristers' traditional monopoly of rights of audience in the High Court.

Last Friday Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, announced on behalf of all High Court and Court of Appeal judges a change in the rules to allow solicitors to appear before them, albeit only in a limited number of cases.

Yesterday the courtroom was crowded to hear Mr Abse and two other solicitors read the terms of the settlement in the libel action against Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, about remarks he made during the Falklands conflict.

The settlement of the case, started almost four years ago, has been held up because Mr Smith took up the cause of solicitors' rights to appear in the High Court. He wanted his own solicitor, Mr Alastair Brett, to read the libel settlement and not pay a barrister to do the job.

Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, refused permission, but referred the whole issue to the "college of judges" who announced their decision last week.

Outside the court, Mr Abse said he had fully supported the test case by Mr Smith and his solicitor.

But he added that there was a "long haul ahead" in the campaign for solicitors' rights to appear in the higher courts.

The cost to the public would undoubtedly be reduced, he said, if, as in the present case, they did not have to pay both for a solicitor and a barrister.

And Mr Brett, attired in the robe and collar bands hired for the hearing said he looked forward to the day when it would be left to the client to say whether he wanted his solicitor or his barrister to appear for him in court.

The case ended the libel proceedings with Mr Smith and Radio Trent, which broadcast the MP's remarks, accepting those remarks were "deeply offensive and hurtful" and "potentially defamatory if taken literally". They apologized, accepting that none of the 25 MPs was a "traitor" or "guilty of treason" as had been suggested, but had acted throughout the Falklands crisis with "Britain's best interests at heart".

But it is unlikely to be the end of the debate on rights of audience. Solicitors specializing in civil litigation have passed a resolution calling for a renewed campaign. The judges' decision, they say, does not go far enough and they will press for the door to be opened wider.



After making their historic appearance in the High Court, Mr Alastair Brett (left), Mr Leo Abse, and Mr David Massa (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

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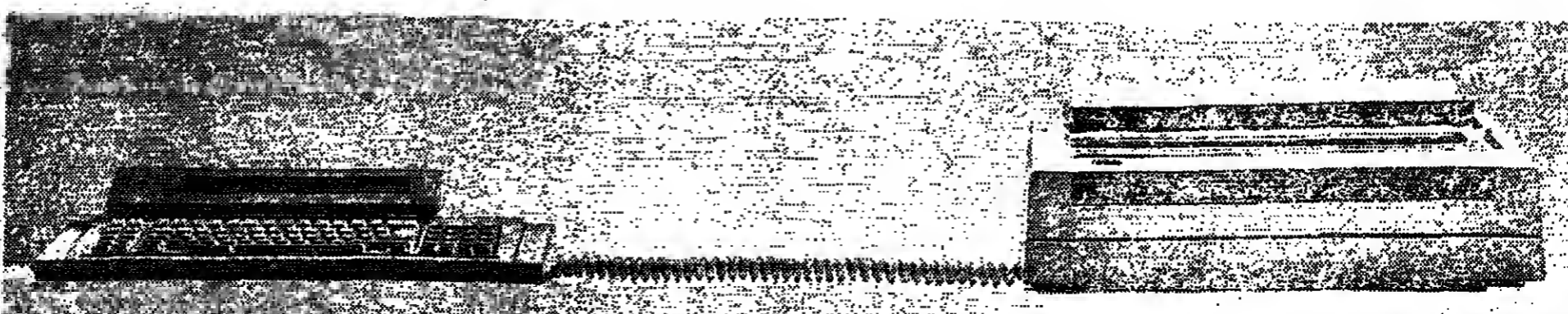
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Gurkha riot in Darjeeling as separatism drive begins

Delhi (AFP) — Gurkhas, the sturdy hill tribesmen of Nepalese stock, have launched a campaign for a separate homeland in India's north-east, domestic news agencies reported yesterday.

On Monday at least one person was killed and several were injured when Gurkha separatists in the West Bengal town of Darjeeling went on a rampage at the start of a three-day strike scheduled by the Gurkha National Liberation Front, an organization formed

"We do not want to suffer the same fate as the Nepalis of Meghalaya. This campaign is to stop the West Bengal government from throwing us out tomorrow," Mr. Kishan Subba, a pro-homeland activist, told a local newspaper.

Coming originally from Nepal, which borders Darjeeling, Gurkhas have migrated in their tens of thousands to various parts of India in search of work. There are no travel restrictions between India and Nepal, so they are able to cross the border freely.

Nepal at the polls

About 60 per cent of Nepal's nine million voters, maddened by clashes between rival groups in which seven were injured at Jansajpur, turned out for the non-party general elections on Monday, poll officials said (Reuter reports from Kathmandu).

to spearhead the campaign, for the moment restricted to the Darjeeling area.

Darjeeling, a town of 50,000 people, was paralysed by the strike yesterday.

The Gurkhas, originally from Nepal, allege discrimination in government jobs and in business and say they are treated as second-class citizens, a charge the Indian Government denies.

The separatist campaign was sparked by the eviction earlier this year of some 10,000 Nepalis from Meghalaya, one of the seven states in the north-east. Native residents of Meghalaya had feared they were becoming outnumbered by immigrants.

No official figures are available on how many Gurkhas are in India, a spokesman for the Nepalese Embassy here said, but unofficial estimates put their number at about one million.

Straddling a ridge in the Himalayan foothills and surrounded by tea plantations, Darjeeling has been a popular hill station since the British established it as a rest and recreation centre for troops in the mid-1800s.

Gurkhas invaded the territory in 1780 but their seizing of land brought them into conflict with the British East India Company. The Gurkhas were later forced to concede defeat, but it is this land they now claim as a homeland.

Delhi fury at terror accusation

From Kuldip Nayyar, Delhi

In a vehement criticism of Sri Lanka's accusation that India was aiding Tamil terrorism, Mr. P. Shiv Shanker, the Indian Foreign Minister, said yesterday that President Jayewardene had "lost nerve".

Mr. Shiv Shanker was speaking in the Upper House of Parliament on President Jayewardene's interview with *The Sunday Times*. He regretted that the President had used "intemperate and irresponsible" language in the interview.

Mr. Shiv Shanker said that more than 125,000 refugees had already migrated from Sri Lanka to India and it would be unrealistic on the part of Colombo not to realize its obligation towards them.

Opposition members in the house assailed the Indian Government for having "facilitated" on the problem.

Exodus as army hunts guerrillas

From Ahmed Fazl, Dhaka

More than 20,000 troops and armed police were on alert yesterday in the Chittagong Hill Tracts region of south-east Bangladesh to flush out secessionist guerrillas as panic-stricken families continued to flee across the border.

Police at Rangamati, about 280 miles from Dhaka, said that a curfew was clamped on a dozen villages bordering the Indian state of Tripura to stop the exodus.

The flight of refugees began after a band of guerrillas belonging to the Marxist-led Shanti Bahini ("peace force") attacked three Bengali settlements in Khagrachari district, killing more than 40 people.

The Government appointed Major-General Nuruddin Khan head of a task force to deal with the insurgents, who want independence for the 500,000 Buddhist Chakma and Marna people.

Australian Opposition treads Thatcher path

From Stephen Taylor, Sydney

The Australian federal Opposition, often described as Thatcherite in its attitude towards union power, has unveiled an industrial relations policy that lives up to the label.

The Liberals claim their "charter for freedom" could restore competitiveness to Australian manufacturing, returning to small employers the right to settle wage claims outside the centralized wage-fixing system, which many see as the root of an industrial malaise. But they say they would not do away with the wage-fixing mechanism, the Arbitration Commission, but

prescribe new criteria for it.

The Liberals would also strengthen the secret ballot, ban industrial action in support of closed-shop agreements, and pass legislation to protect essential services.

The main business groups, such as the New South Wales Employers' Federation, welcomed the document as a basis for reducing crippling wage costs.

The Hawke Labor Government has claimed that the Opposition's policy would cause running industrial confrontations like those characteristic of the 1970s.

Island kingdom bars reporter

Sydney — Australian journalism has again upset a neighbouring country, though a smaller one than Indonesia which was so outraged by an article in a Sydney paper last month that it cancelled a ministerial visit and expelled two journalists (Our Correspondent writes).

The island kingdom of Tonga has told Canberra that a reporter accompanying Mr. Bill Hayden, the Foreign Minister, on a tour of the South Pacific will not be admitted next week.

It is believed that the Tongans were offended by an article by Mr. Mark Baker in *The Age*, Melbourne, last year about the Tongan royal family.

Hell's Angels gang jailed in Hamburg

Hamburg (Reuter) — A West German court sentenced 10 members of a Hell's Angels motorcycle gang, including two Britons, to jail terms of up to seven years, and fined three others on convictions ranging from pimping to extortion and grievous bodily harm.

The judge said the gang had subjected barkeepers and prostitutes in Hamburg to a reign of terror.

The two Britons, brothers Andrew and Michael Brown, were jailed for 3½ years and for nine months for extortion and grievous bodily harm.

Taipei agrees to negotiate with Peking

Hong Kong — The consent of the Taiwan Government to deal directly with Peking for the return of a plane diverted recently to Canton, has aroused speculation that more such contacts will be made between the Chinese Nationalists and the authorities of the People's Republic of China (David Bonavia writes).

Contrary to its previous policy of not having any contact with the mainland, Taipei yesterday disclosed that it was prepared to take part in talks for the return of the 747 cargo plane diverted



Demonstrators at the American University in Beirut, where no classes have been held for six days, holding a rally yesterday to demand the release of kidnapped staff and students.

Aquino hope on ending rebellion

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Aquino yesterday said progress had been made in efforts to end the 17-year-old insurgency in the Philippines but that top-level ceasefire negotiations still had not taken place.

Secret peace contacts are continuing at the "lower rank", and until the leaders of the underground Communist

Party and its military wing, the New People's Army, indicate where and when the two sides can meet, no formal ceasefire is possible, Mrs. Aquino told foreign correspondents.

"I can handle the insurgency problem," she said, rejecting former President Marcos's offer to return from exile and help fight the rebels.

Since she took power more

than 700 people have been killed in the communist rebellion, which Mrs. Aquino called a "legacy" of the 20-year-long Marcos regime.

Heavy fighting is continuing in the northern province of Cagayan, and at the weekend the military Chief of Staff, General Fidel Ramos, announced that 250,000 members of the armed forces were now on the offensive.

Peasants brave torture, jail and death in fight for land

By Caroline Moorehead

Jesús Vicente Vázquez, a 30-year-old economics student and chief of the municipal police of Juchitán, in the southern state of Oaxaca, was on his way to an appointment with an official of the Ministry of the Interior in Mexico City early on the morning of December 15 1983 when he was seized by plain-clothes policemen in two unmarked cars.

A member of the Coalition of Workers, Peasants and Students of the Isthmus, a left-wing opposition movement, he was blindfolded and during interrogation repeatedly tortured.

Eighteen months later, Jesús Vicente Vázquez was sentenced to 10½ years' imprisonment on charges of plunder, obstruction, provocation of a crime and criminal association, offences against public servants and threatening behaviour. He was also accused of murder, in connection with a shooting in Juchitán in July 1983. He is now believed to be in a prison in Oaxaca.

The states of Oaxaca and Chiapas have been troubled for years by boundary disputes and conflicts between Indian communities (*ejidos*) and private landowners over rights to traditional Indian communal land.

Mexico: Human Rights in Rural Areas, an Amnesty International report published this week, says that scores of



Mexican peasants and Indians have been killed in recent years as a result of these land conflicts, and that members of the coalition, of which Jesús Vicente Vázquez was a leading figure, have been repeated targets for violence. The Government, the report claims, has failed to stop the killings, prevent the false accusations, or bring those responsible to justice.

Amnesty International believes that the charges against Jesús Vicente Vázquez come from demands made by the coalition-led municipal council over rights to land, which brought it into conflict with local vested interests and prominent members of the ruling party, the Institutional Revolutionary Party (PRI).

both victims had been shot from above.

The Amnesty International report confines itself to the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas, but says that it believes that other states with similar land problems show the same pattern of abuses. Torture of detainees has apparently become commonplace, while armed civilians or gunmen, known locally as *pistoleros*, said to be in the pay of rural bosses, seem to be responsible for many of the killings.

Mexico: Human Rights in Rural Areas (Al. 5 Roberts Place, London EC1R 0EL, £3.95).



Jesús Vicente Vázquez led battle against landowners.


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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHARING THE PROFITS

Mr Nigel Lawson's outline sketch of a tax system designed to stimulate profit-sharing...

in favour of particular sources or uses. His latest Budget was a skilful exercise in making peace do the work of pounds...

simplifier. A lower basic rate of tax remains a vital aim. It is also essential that profit-sharing should be launched effectively...

People's verdict on the party line

From Mr Ernest L. Butler Sir: Political commentators have lost no time in diagnosing the causes of the Conservative losses...

Privilege issue and 'The Times'

From Viscount Rochdale Sir: I am obviously in no position whatever to judge whether Mr Richard Evans and The Times have behaved correctly or wish...

GCSE standards

From Mr George R. G. Turnbull Sir: Mr Anderson (May 7) writes with what appears to be a certain amount of frustration about the apparent disregard of educationalists to acknowledge the needs of industry...

Battle of New River

From Mrs Valerie Carter Sir: Your report on the battle of the New River (Spectrum, April 28) was well timed. Two days later, on April 30, more than 20 widely different organisations...

Stamp of disfavour

From Mr J.M. Dutton Sir: Perish the thought that the dignity of British stamps should be compromised by use for propaganda purposes, however worthy...

CONFIDENCE IN THE CAPTAIN

The England selectors have, in the language of the game they control, got something of a thick edge. Faced with the job of picking a captain for new season, they have sent the ball skimming in the wrong direction...

England was playing Australian eleven weakened by defections to the Packer circus. It has been suggested that the age of the traditional cricket captain is dead and that more powerful team managers...

Matches against India and New Zealand this Summer would have given a new captain the opportunity to gain experience and maturity on home grounds against cricketing powers as opposed to superpowers...

Chernobyl disaster

From Mr B. R. Hookway Sir: It is almost a pity to dissent from a letter written with such splendid self-assurance, but it is unfortunately Dr Russell Jones (New 2) who has demonstrated clearly that it is he who does not understand even the basic principles upon which the recommendations of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) are made...

Busy old bees

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SMALL ARMS CONTROL

Arms imports by the Third World are reported to be in decline. Figures suggest they are already down to the level of 1976-77 - and continuing to fall. According to two researchers from the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri), Mr Michael Brzoska and Mr Thomas Ohlson, falling oil income and burgeoning debt have contributed to this reverse...

the developing countries themselves, the economic advantages and disadvantages are evenly balanced. Indigenous production avoids the loss of foreign exchange on purchases from abroad, but it also swallows other resources and expensively acquired skills which could be better used elsewhere. For the world at large, however, the concentration of arms production in the hands of the superpowers or even the medium-size powers at least had the advantage of enabling them to exercise some influence on their clients...

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All systems go on the network

It is little more than 10 years ago when it was quite easy to tell the difference between a book, a telephone call, a newspaper and a television programme.

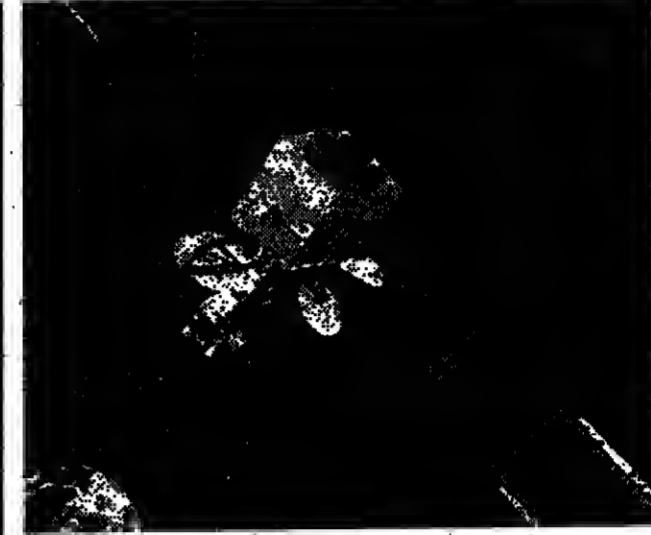
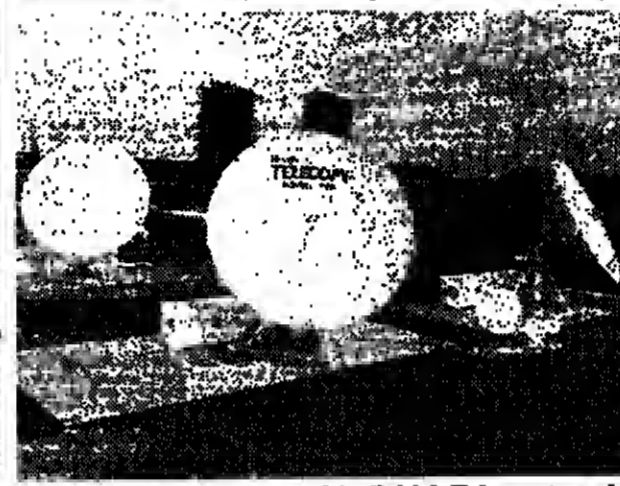
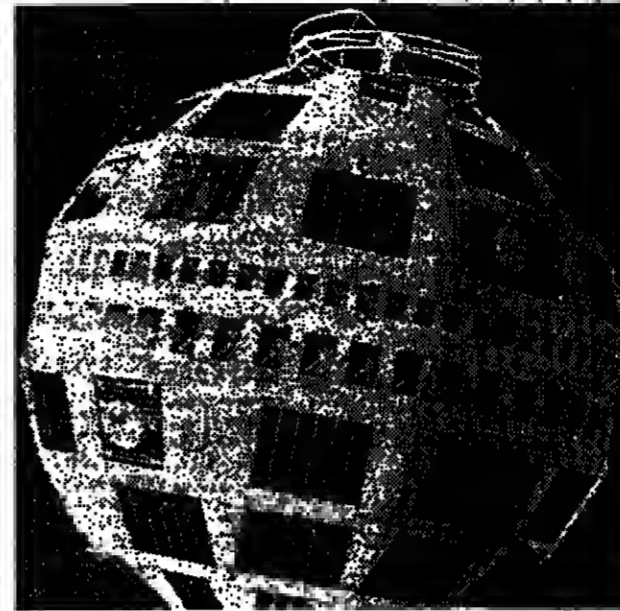
But now there are electronic mail systems and videobooks. The domestic TV set is the target for delivery of British Telecom's Prestel service. Automatic shopping and banking can be conducted from the home.

A device demonstrated last month allows pregnant women to record the heart of their developing baby on a cassette tape, and play it over the phone to their doctor's surgery, who ensures all is well by analysing the information on a microcomputer.

Police on patrol can obtain pictures of suspects or numbers of cars and descriptions of other stolen goods, on mobile facsimile receivers.

With computer control of modern telephone exchanges, subscribers on the public network can have calls transferred automatically to alternative numbers. The convenience and benefits that the airlines, banks and large oil companies have enjoyed through private digital networks are coming into operation for the domestic subscriber.

Another measure of the impact of the bewildering diversity of modern communications is the size of the market. One estimate of the total expenditure worldwide of terrestrial and space com-



World at our fingertips, from left, clockwise: The booths being used by British Telecom to replace the much-loved red boxes as part of its modernization; Telstar, the telecommunications satellite, and its modern counterpart, Intelsat V; cordless communication with Opal Cellnet, and BT's satellite earth station in Docklands, London, officially opened in October, 1984

munications equipment, for civilian and military applications, by the end of the decade is more than £500,000 million a year.

When the computer side of this information-technology explosion is included, the sums of money involved are gigantic. Though it comprises new electronic telephones of pushbutton and cordless vari-

eties, mobile radio-transceivers, digital telephone exchanges, optical fibres and space satellites - the catalyst in the micro-electronic silicon circuit, on which it became possible to squeeze hundreds, and now tens of thousands, of transistors forming the heart of a complete computer.

When the microchip became cheap enough, a fundamental change in approach was possible. The century-old method in telecommunications which was based on the processing of continuous analogue electrical signals, gave way to handling everything, whether voice, vision or data, in a different format. Information was coded into digital pulses.

In the process, it unlocked an enormous capacity of cheap global communications. Conversion to digital systems allowed far greater volumes of traffic to be piped via existing cables, radiowaves and satellite links.

In addition, the extra dimension provided by digital processing stimulated the application of existing discover-

ies like optical fibres and lasers to communications. They are replacing coaxial copper cables, multiplying several-fold the capacities of underground and submarine circuits.

The advances in optical-fibre and digital technology in particular, when coupled with the "liberalization" process that allowed competition

against British Telecom, made the new network possible.

The idea of introducing a second national public telecommunications network to compete with the established BT system would have been viewed, say, 10 years ago, by people as technical and economic suicide, and a political

ly absurd dream.

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True to its promise, Mercury Communications (a subsidiary of Cable and Wireless) has until now only been able to offer leased-line facilities for business users between fixed points.

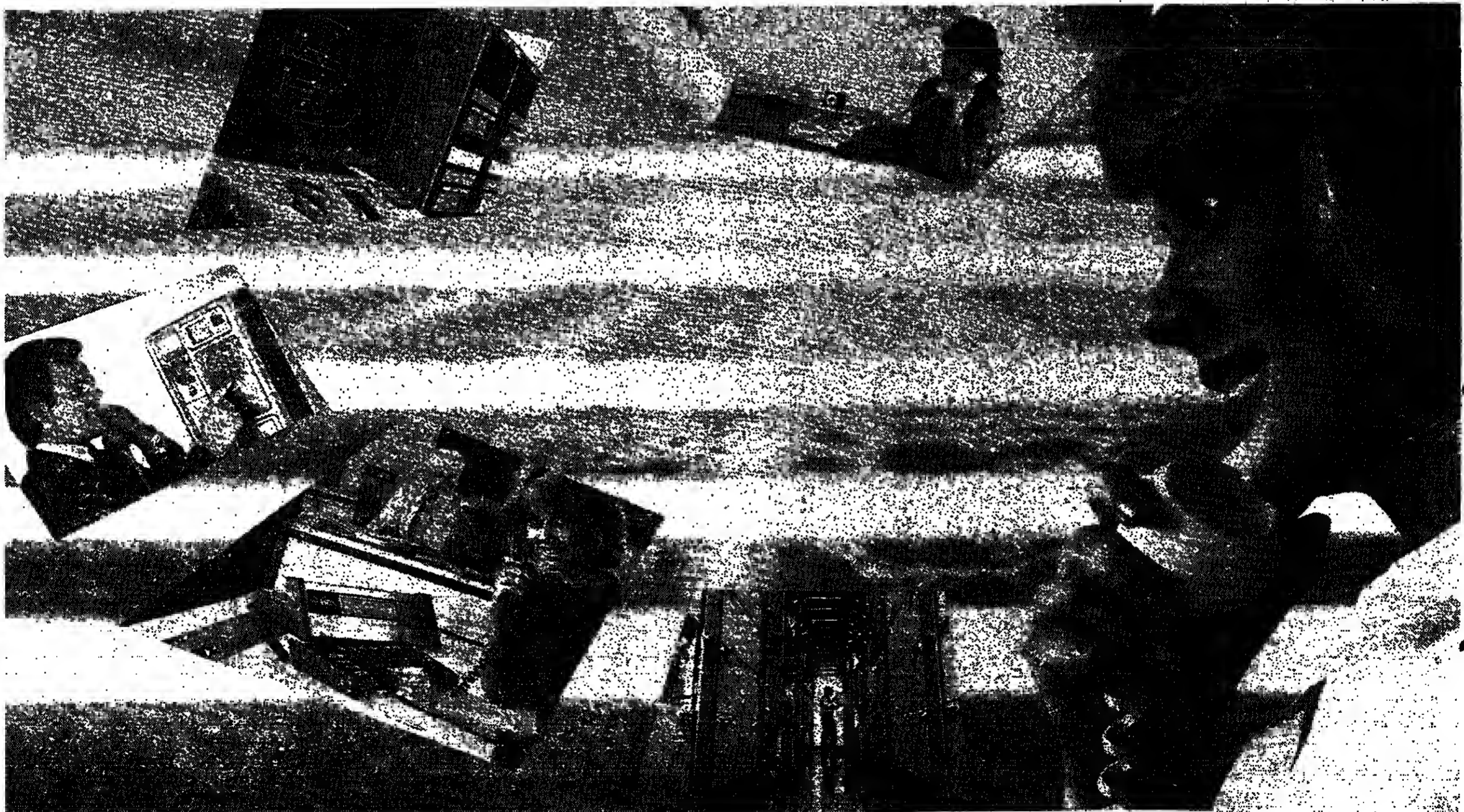
But its switched network has gone live, and it means just that. Subscribers can make phone calls to any BT, Mercury or overseas number.

And though it is the existing business customers who are expected to be the first to exploit the expansion of the services, the domestic subscriber is now well in Mercury's sights. A generally available alternative service needed a ruling from OfTel - the Office of Telecommunications - to resolve a deadlock under which BT was preventing Mercury to connect subscribers into the existing network on fair terms.

Two other elements in liberalization are providing catalysts for growth. One is the freedom for private companies to sell individual telephones, answering machines, mobile radiophones, switchboards and other equipment for attachment to the BT network. The other is the freedom of specialist companies to sell certain "value added network services".

The next surge in telecommunications comes in the autumn with the Big Bang in the City. It would have been madness to have contemplated the development of the 24-hour, international securities market without the facilities of the best terrestrial and space links, giving fast and secure communications which ignore territorial boundaries.

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What a digital system can do

The term integrated services digital network (ISDN) has been promoted by some as the Holy Grail of telecommunications. According to this view, when it arrives all our problems will be solved. There will be a universal, multi-function means of communications.

That attitude is now tending towards better understanding of the potential advantages of ISDN and what it will bring. The idea of a network that will be all things to all men is Utopian and bears no relation to what is possible — or for that matter what is wanted. However, the name adopted by British Telecom for its ISDN service is integrated Digital Access (IDA).

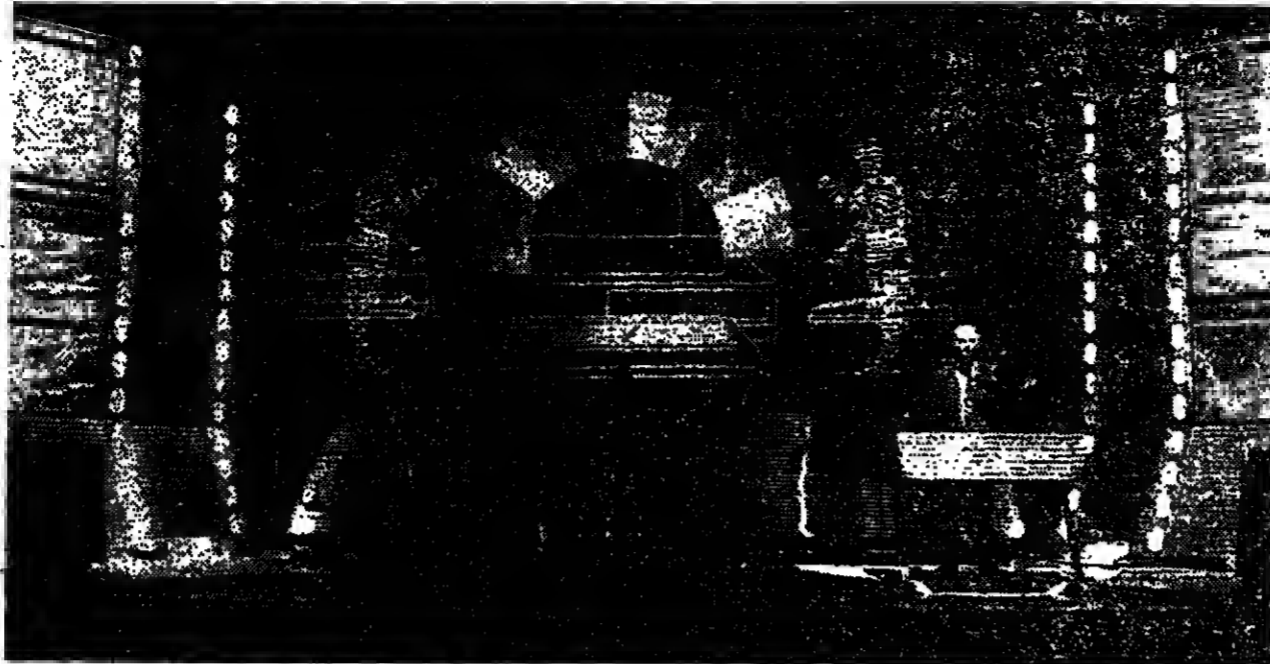
This highlights the requirement for the connections to be digital all the way through to the subscribers premises and provide customer access to the benefits of digital systems.

Unfortunately, even though AT&T in the US is promoting its ISDN products as building blocks in a "graceful evolution" to Universal Information Services (UIS), the very use of this term is likely to perpetuate an ill-informed image of it being a panacea.

Digital transmission is already in widespread use to link the telephone exchanges

around the country. It also provides connections to satellite ground stations and submarine cables for the international services. Digital exchanges are replacing the existing older generation analogue and electro-mechanical exchanges, so that in due course, ISDN will replace the public switched telephone network (PSTN). This is a long process and will not happen overnight — especially in areas of low telephone traffic density where very old exchanges have recently been replaced by analogue ones.

In the UK, for example, when BT announced ITA, no agreement on ISDN standards had emerged from the deliberations of the international telecommunications committees. It is hardly surprising therefore that, when the standards did emerge they differed from those to which BT had previously committed itself. Nevertheless, BT went ahead with its pilot service which commenced mid-1984. It gained experience and has been able to provide limited demonstrations of ISDN type applications. Now that the ISDN recommendations have been agreed within CCITT (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee) the world body for



Digital future: Bill Jones, British Telecom's senior Faraday lecturer, explains the advantages of a network

telecommunications standards, work can commence. So from 1987-88, the telecommunications authorities around the world, including BT, will start the introduction of the ISDN service.

In the early days many people said that ISDN stood for Improvements that Subscribers Don't Need. While there may have been some truth in that view, it is no longer so. The key advantages are in the standard access methods that it provides and

the improved level of communication services that it will allow — so rather than a multiplicity of networks, just one will be employed for all these services.

Even today, one can see uses for the network that will include in addition to voice communications high speed data transmission; slow-scan TV for security and other applications; instant credit card validation; remote control of domestic and other appliances.

There are two standard access methods — ISDN basic access which provides a basic service for most locations and is implemented over a normal telephone circuit and ISDN primary access rate. This provides a service for the larger user site with higher volume communications requirements.

The former operates at a universally agreed data rate of 144kbit/s consisting of two 64kbit/s user (B) channels together with a 16kbit/s signalling and user packet data (D) channel respectively.

The 1.5 and 2Mbit/s data rates for the primary access are already widely used by the telecommunication carriers. They are used to link the private networks of digital PABXs that multi-site companies are increasingly implementing. Consequently, as PABX vendors throughout the world are upgrading their products to support ISDN and even, in some cases, being able to offer retrofits, the primary access rate will simplify the provision of ISDN services for the larger company locations. In addition to these access data rates, the CCITT has defined signalling systems between the exchanges within the network and for signalling between the user's premises and his local exchange. This means that there will be a total framework to support new and innovative services as and when they arrive, without undue difficulty or cost overhead. This will increase network utilization and thus increase the carriers' revenues.

The more rapidly that the carriers digitalize their networks — which they are already doing to reduce their own costs — the sooner that ISDN can be implemented. The manufacturers of public telephone exchanges are developing ISDN capabilities for their switches and the carriers and PTTs are announcing trials.

Similarly, the major PABX suppliers are starting to offer ISDN capabilities on their

large machines. As in many other areas of electronics, custom integrated circuits are being developed by the semiconductor industry. This will enable the large quantities of subscriber terminating units to be manufactured cost-effectively.

The authors of the forthcoming report from Ovum Ltd entitled "ISDN: the Commercial Benefits" expect the use of ISDN to have penetrated the business market significantly by 1990. Their

New connections will run into thousands

projections indicate, for example, that by the end of that year the number of primary rate access connections will have grown to 16,000 in Europe and over 50,000 in the United States. This is a level equivalent to a 60 per cent penetration of the installed base of large PABXs of over 100 extensions. Then, once the fully digital facilities start to arrive, via the basic services, at the desk of the small businessman, telecommunications will have made the leap to a new level of utility.

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A model phone for the future

The telephone is a tool which we take very much for granted — even the elderly lady who has a telephone, not to be used because it is too expensive, but "in case of emergency" — expects it to work on demand any time day or night.

This is a formidable, if not impossible task for the Administrations throughout the world. They have enormous investments in networks of varying ages, which cannot just be replaced without due consideration of the economics.

The transition to digital systems is aimed at reducing costs and improving reliability. The latter, by reducing maintenance requirements, provides further long term cost benefits. In addition, the fibre optics now widely used in the telephone network increases the available capacity and so will allow the introduction of additional services.

The most radical development in the UK is the emergent switched service from Mercury Communications Ltd. This will provide the business user, and the domestic subscriber who makes many long distance or international calls with an alternative to British Telecom. While it will not be available to all subscribers in all parts of the country, it provides a model of what the future will bring if it meets expectations, it will set new standards and will provide serious competition to BT.

As is well known, Mercury has been providing leased circuits to companies requiring telecommunication links between two or more separate sites. It uses the latest fibre optic and other techniques and, wherever possible, employs duplicate circuits travelling over different physical paths to minimize the risk of breakdown and increase reliability.

Now, having purchased a number of digital telephone exchanges from the Canadian company Northern Telecom, Mercury is starting to offer switched telephone services. Because these exchanges are some of the most sophisticated available, the Mercury network can offer very advanced end-to-end switched digital communications services.

So who will be able to take best advantage of this service? Those companies which are in close proximity to the path of the Mercury network. They will be able to have direct connections into this network, so that when a user dials a number it will be routed through the Mercury network to the access point with the British Telecom network closest to the called subscriber. The path will be completed using a portion of the BT network and the subscriber's connection to his local BT exchange.

Where, however, both calling and called parties are Mercury subscribers they will have the benefit of a fully digital end-to-end connection. This will provide faster call set-up times and higher quality voice than can be obtained at present. Business subscribers who cannot have direct connection to the Mercury network will be able to install a special access box. This will be installed adjacent to their PABX, provided by Mercury which will dial via the subscriber's authorization

and, in due course, will be offering a special telephone. This will cost between £30 and £40 and will incorporate these functions and so allow the small business and the domestic subscriber to make use of the service.

Even though Mercury will probably not even gain a 10 per cent share of the UK market, it is important because of the direct competition that it provides for BT. At the same time as the "alternative network" is having an influence, developments in digital technology are making their mark. Suppliers such as Plessey are now offering digital PABXs with features such as call diversion, ring-back when free and call pick-up. These aid business efficiency and simplify a user's day-to-day work.

In addition, a wide range of easy-to-use telephone instruments and feature-phones are now on the market. Some are intended for direct connection to lines while others can also be connected behind a PABX. Last number redial and possibly ten or more memories can be incorporated in low-cost instruments. The units such as the ICL One-Per-Desk (BT's Tonto), with its full alphanumeric keyboard and micro-computer as well as telephone



BT says its new phone booths will be easier for the old and disabled to use.

handset, is aimed at putting an appreciable amount of micro-computer power on the executives desk. The aim is to let him quickly jump from task to task as well as just making telephone calls.

While many people will consider that units such as the OPD are very heavy "overkill", BT Business Systems has just announced its Quertyphone. This provides the user with an advanced feature-phone to which a printer can be connected. It incorporates loud speech facilities, ten function keys and nine "soft" keys associated with its LCD display.

At each stage of terminal operation, the function of each key is clearly indicated by the display. While this type of unit will probably find its place on the desk of the busy executive, its directory and call timer features are at least as valuable to the clerks who spend an appreciable amount of their work day on the phone. GEC has just demonstrated prototype telephone instruments where all the electronic circuitry has been built onto the inner surface of the case, without a separate printed circuit board. This will have the effect of reducing manufacturing costs and, as the telephone is increasingly becoming a commodity product, ensure that users are not prevented from replacing existing old generation instruments by the high prices of the



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The message is that telex's reign may soon end

Despite encroaching technologies, such as electronic mail, telex is still the unchallenged king of rapid messaging worldwide. Next year, however, telex may face the first serious loss of traffic between its 1,500,000 users as many of the constraints on alternatives services are lifted.

Telex owes much of its survival to the most obvious drawback of Email systems: the fact that users have so far been unable to talk to anyone outside their own network, unless they have a telex number. Major technical and administrative changes are underway to open up Email nationally and internationally, which may finally give Email the upper hand in Europe at least.

Network suppliers have already decided to adopt the X.400 standard communication protocol, which will enable users to talk to each other across service boundaries. Discussions are continuing between European PTTs (Postal, Telegraph & Telephone authorities), who will have to provide gateways into their circuit or packet-switched national networks and agree on collective charging structures.

Email has been tipped as a possible successor to telex because of its freer message format, use of standard tele-

phone lines and rapid penetration of the business sector.

During the last two years, the number of mailboxes has grown at the rate of 50 per cent a year, reaching 600,000 worldwide in December 1985, according to the market research organization, IDC. These mailboxes exchange more than 11 million messages a month, generating global revenues of \$300 million in 1985. IDC predicts that collective Email turnover will top \$1.5 billion by 1990, not entirely at the expense of telex.

Martin White, European director of Linked Resources, an IDC subsidiary, says: "Telex is not declining because what Email does now is give access to the telex network. Email is very good at going multi-point, or sending messages to many recipients, but there is no guarantee that people look at their box. So Email will continue to work side by side with telex."

One of the main reasons for Email's success is the cost-saving it offers on telex charges, in terms of outlay on specialized equipment, leasing of lines and actual messages. Easylink, owned by the BT rival Mercury Communica-

tions, for example, offers messaging rates between the UK and the US at less than half the cost of telex.

On a message of 1,200 characters, the telex charge would be £1.74 but Easylink cuts this to 82p, according to sales and marketing manager Tony Chamier.

This kind of saving has brought Easylink 160,500 users in the US and 4,500 in the UK, many of which are banks. Email growth is slower in Europe (about 20 per cent a year) than in the US because of the technical and contractual difficulties of spanning national networks. Each country has a separate telephone network, plus either circuit or packet switched networks with different addressing and passwords for entry, and no means of reverse charging to foreign counterparts.

Email services may be supported by any or all of these networks, complicating matters for both user and host country. BT's recent purchase of ITT Dialcom in Washington, licensor of Telecom Gold's Email software, may prove a catalyst in discussions, because some European countries, most of which are licensees of Dialcom, may decide to opt for alternatives to curb BT's growing power in Europe.

Mr White commented:



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users, while full X.400 is being implemented. The introduction of a message-handling service this summer will allow two-way transfer of mail by operating in the same way as Gold's "Eros" Valentine Day service, intercepting and forwarding messages.

Peter Bury, Telecom Gold's managing director, said: "The charging has yet to be sorted out but we're committed to X.400 because we believe that more people will talk to each other. If you double the number of mailboxes, you square the number of messages, so it will increase revenues from connect charges."

A further option for those without computer equipment is the Post Office's Intelpost service, advertised as a "new dimension in electronic mail". There is no subscription and customers can send messages from FAX or telex machines, small business computers, or simply from the counter of about 100 post offices throughout the UK. If the recipient — who may live in one of 27 different countries — does not have a receiving machine, Intelpost either phones, or sends a messenger to deliver the letter by the next day, according to a PO spokesman.

The PO refuses to disclose any usage statistics, but insists that the ability to send graphics is a major attraction; something else Email suppliers are about to introduce.

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According to Des Mills of the Telex marketing group, the main advantages of Telex over telex are a 309-character set with upper and lower case options, automatic error correction, direct point-to-point messaging (as opposed to mailbox storage for later collection) and cost.

Though users save about £270 a year by using an ordinary phone instead of a telex line (the equivalent of about 800 Telex messages), they have to buy special Telex terminals from an approved supplier or adaptors for their existing equipment, with which they can as yet only reach other Telex users in the UK, relying on telex abroad.

Mr Mills said: "We are trying to establish international connections and talking to CCITT and CEPT (Conference of European Post and Telegraph advisers). Earlier this year, discussions were held on international accounting rates, and we will be linking up internationally as soon as the political and accounting issues are settled."

One to One, owned by ex-Bell operating company, US-based Pacific Telesis, has taken an initiative on standards on behalf of its 11,000 UK subscribers, calling for a European Electronic Mail Association (EEMA), which would speed up work on compatibility.

Roger Dean, One to One's marketing manager, said: "No one has X.400 yet because the CCITT committee is only halfway through specifying it. Only the message-handling level has come out so far, so it will be at least nine months before there is anything to get to grips with."

BT's Telecom Gold is implementing a halfway-house solution to provide outside access for its 44,000 Email

A service to link incompatible WPs

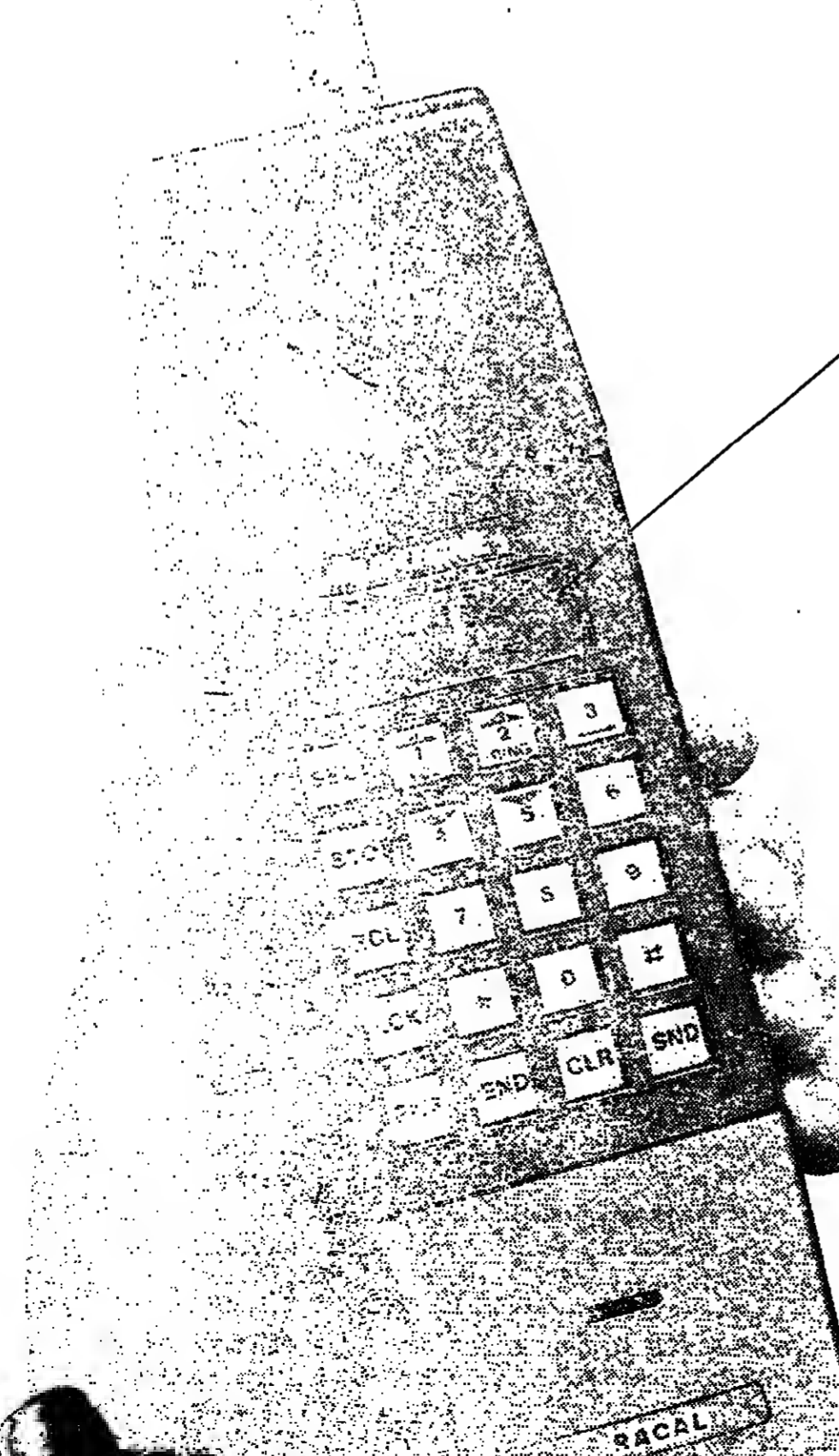
national network, has been concentrating on technical enhancements to the service, rather than X.400, according to Geisco marketing consultant Clive Akerman. One of the advances is the ability to send mail "enclosures".

Mr Akerman said: "IBM PC users can send attached files that do not travel as part of the message. It's really like sending a parcel; it can contain anything from graphics to programs, or a Lotus 1-2-3 spreadsheet."

About 18 months ago, Geisco also introduced Wpxchange, a service which links incompatible word processors, so that their operators can transfer documents from, for example, an IBM Displaywriter to a Wang VS mini, and hold libraries of computational documents on Geisco's host computer.

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New operators in the vanguard

As part of the liberalization of the UK telecommunications market, Mercury Communications was launched to provide competition to the now-private British Telecom.

Though competition between the carriers is a spur to the introduction of new facilities such as BT's KiloStream and MegaStream services, there are increasing opportunities to "add-value" and so provide saleable products to third parties.

Known as value added network services (VANS), it requires equipment generally computerized, to be added to the telecommunications network. It will provide services other than just the conveyance of telecommunications messages. Obviously, suitable equipment is required at the subscribers' premises to access the service, whatever it may be.

The scope of the VANS is therefore wide and can at their simplest include such services as telex bureaux, which send the same message on behalf of a client to two or more destinations. The added-value is that the client is prepared to pay a charge to cover the message handling by the bureau.

Even though simple resale of, say, spare capacity on a communications circuit is prohibited, virtually all activities that add value for the benefit of a third party are permitted.

The Government announced in July 1981 that its policy would be to allow the UK telecommunications industry greater freedom to satisfy the growing demand for more sophisticated telecommunications services.

This did not result in a large number of applications for VANS not already supplied by BT. Consequently, in 1982 the whole of the VANS industry, including those services already supplied by BT was opened up to private supply.

When announcing the VANS general licence for this purpose, John Butcher, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, described it as a "major step forward in the Government's liberalization of UK telecommunications," making

There are four main categories within which a service can be either a teleconferencing services which allows three or more separate subscribers to have a conference call or voice mail services.

In the latter case a caller records a message which is held in a "voice mailbox" for subsequent distribution-retrieval by other users who make a telephone call to the appropriate number and, where appropriate, input a password. Videoconferencing is the obvious form of image service.

The text services include electronic mail services where a central computer stores messages in "mailboxes" that can be accessed by remote microcomputers or terminals via the telephone network. Similarly, messages can be input into the system to be read by other users.

Telemail Gold and Easylink are two such services as is Postel.

The latter links microcomputers or adapted TVs to computers to access the more than 300,000 frames (or pages) or information. This can range from train timetables to stock market prices. In some cases the information is supplied free by the information provider while in others a charge is made to the user.

On line databases where one dials into a remote computer to access and search information stored from a data service. The added value comes from the fact that there is a vast database that one can access, and one is provided with sophisticated "tools" for carrying out a search or sort.

A problem often encountered is that even though today's technology is able to carry out a task, it is often not affordable. However, VANS provide the opportunity for a user to buy just the amount of time or resource that is needed.

In a further stage of liberalization, the Government announced plans in March of this year to allow VAN operators to provide services with the minimum of regulation, and to enable all operators to compete on equitable terms.

It will open up opportunities for services to be introduced that are tailored to needs of

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FOCUS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS/4

Global village comes into the TV picture at last

The concept of the global village, foreseen as the consequence of modern communications, was in evidence at a remarkable event last month.

It came with the use of international television as a forum to stage a conversation between an audience of thousands. Those taking part were at 200 theatres in universities and colleges in a dozen countries. The occasion could only be called a transnational colloquy, since it embraced Australia, Austria, Canada, Egypt, France, Israel, Italy, Japan, Sweden, Switzerland, the UK and the United States.

The object was to explore a range of pressing matters in world affairs with separate panels of experts, each one taking a special theme.

For instance, a team at the Ditchley Foundation, near Oxford, discussed terrorism and small wars. In Vienna the subject was the relationship between the superpowers, and a group in Japan, at Kyoto, examined the sharing of technology between countries and the understanding between nations of each.

The catalyst for this global talk-in, requiring six hours of world-wide TV time via the Intelsat network (and a host of mobile earth stations for temporary studios) came from the broadcasting unit of the Christian Science Monitor. It allowed the sharing of perceptions and ideas about the world in the culture of

exchange that is restricted usually to exclusive seminars of the elite.

Another far more functional application is under development, but also demonstrates the way modern telecommunications shrinks the planet.

Before long it will be possible to call home or to the office from a pay-phone during a flight. The technology has passed the proving trials, and a team working at British Airways and British Telecom are poring over studies of the economic viability of such a scheme.

Some technical innovation was needed to make two-way circuits between an ordinary civilian airliner and the ground.

The clever aspect is in the plane's antennae

A practical proposition. The pay-phone needs a credit card to unlock the instrument. The clever aspect is in special, and inconspicuous, antennae attached to the body of the plane for communications via a satellite.

On the ground an operator at a ground station exchange makes the connection to the rest of the link through the public telephone network.

The pleasing thing about these advances are the positive note they introduce into the evolution of communications systems including satellites. It

goes some way to redress the balance, which has been disturbed this year with the tragedy of the space shuttle Challenger in January, only to be followed the failure of the Titan rocket, last month, and the Delta rocket, earlier this one, from placing American satellites in orbit.

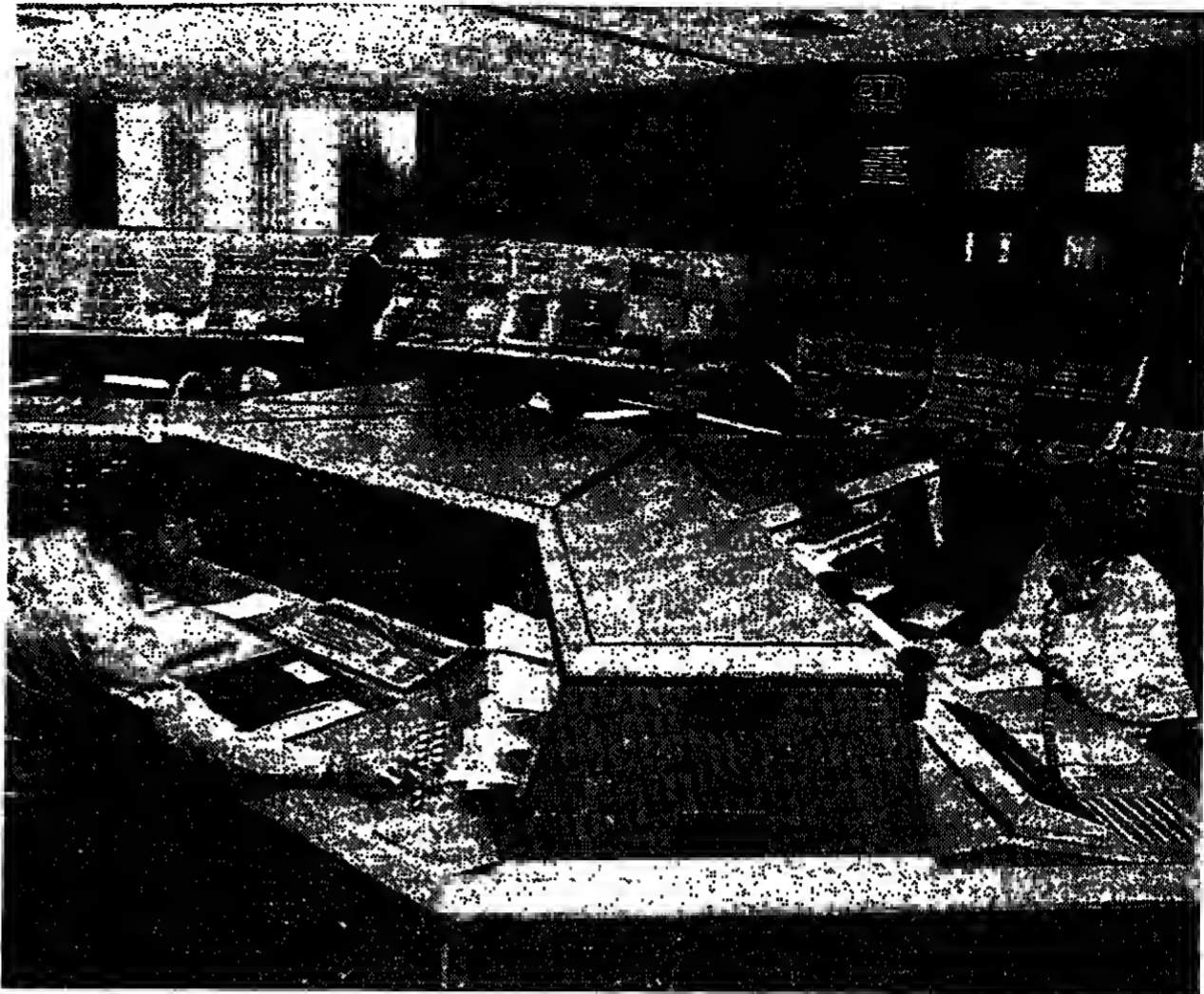
The Delta rocket, which like Titan originated as a vehicle for a ballistic missile, is well tried and tested. The workhorse of satellite launch vehicles, it has been used 176 times and failed only 12.

Forty-four successful flights were achieved before the flop on Saturday May 3.

In practice, there is no shortage of international communications links, and when the submarine optical fibre cables being laid across the North Sea by British Telecom, and across the Atlantic and Pacific are ready, the capacity will clearly multiply.

Yet the demand, particularly for data and management information for business and financial services, is about to accelerate. An indication is the proposal by the communications satellite company, Comsat, for Britain and her European neighbours to each create a domsat (Domestic Satellite) network that would be a public switched service. It would be like the existing switched network, but of high speed and quality for voice, FAX and data.

PW



Heart of the matter: The control centre at British Telecom's earth station at Goonhilly, Cornwall

The rush to use a car phone

The launch of the two competing cellular radio networks at the beginning of last year gave rise to a resurgence of interest in mobile communications which, while important from the standpoint of the users and the industry, had not been able to sustain dynamic growth.

It was in essence because of the limited number of available radio channels which in turn limited the number of subscribers that could be supported. This was especially noticeable in the London area where the waiting period for a mobile phone was in excess of one year.

The cellular phones soon mopped up that backlog and the enthusiasm continued so that there are now approaching 70,000 subscribers on the two networks. While this rapid and continued take-off has given the network operators, Vodafone and Cellnet, a warm glow in their wallets it has been accompanied by the networks having difficulty in coping, especially in the cen-

tral London area, with the number of calls being made at the busiest times of day.

So bad has it got that Cellnet, for example, has had to move to a cell "sectorization" plan which sub-divides its existing cells into six 60 degree sectors (just like an orange) with each sector supporting a unique group of cells.

It commenced this operation over the Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Cellnet's view is that the traffic capacity of the system within the confines of the M25 motorway, when sectorization is complete, should be in excess of 50,000 mobiles. This is in respect of the current 300 radio channel spectrum allocation.

Thus the cellular radio can be seen to have fallen a victim of its own success. Nevertheless, it is fulfilling a major need and will, no doubt, continue to do so with this present generation analogue system.

Cellular provides access to (or from) the public switched telephone network (PSTN) from anywhere within the cellular service area which is rapidly rolling out across the country. However, many organizations require two-way communications with their own office or base station and do not really need PSTN connection. Their needs are met by private mobile radio (PMR). This is an area where cellular radio technology is being applied and, with the recent re-allocation of radio spectrum previously used for TV, is bringing added opportunities for users.

With traditional PMR a radio channel was allocated on an exclusive basis to a company or, sometimes, shared by a very limited number of companies. Hence, with this technology it is quite

loaded. With today's "trunked" radio systems the available channels are "pooled" and shared between a number of users so that differences in radio usage patterns between different types of users tend to even out during the day.

In practice, the next "free" channel is allocated just for the half-minute or so that a message takes. It then reverts to the pool so that it is available for use by any other caller.

The overall effect is that it makes far better use of the limited number of radio channels and allows them to support a greater number of users. The Department of Trade and Industry has announced the successful applicants and will be licensing two national and a number of regional PMR networks. There will be five provincial licences awarded and London will also have five networks so as to be able to cater for the expected level of demand.

National Radiophone figures very large in that it has been successful in its application for licences for London and three of the provincial networks. The company carried out a PMR market survey as part of its preparatory work for the submission of its licence applications and was able to conclude that the requirements tend to fall into three categories: local users covering a radius of less than 25km; regional usage of between 25 and 50km and finally multi-regional or national coverage where the required radius of mobility is in excess of 50km. Potential users who fall into the first of these three categories will be particularly price conscious and will be comparing costs with simple radiopaging which is the minimum service that they can use while on the move.

Larger users are more likely to need regional or wider coverage. However, with costs being roughly midway between paging and cellular radio, the new generation of PMR will have major growth potential.

Mr Hardy compares the qualities of his tailor with those of his Merlin phone system.

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You'll find Mr Hardy a man of considerable intellect, impeccable taste and quite uncommon vision. Thus warned, an intrepid British Telecom communications consultant approached the near legendary Ernest Hardy.

CREATIVE COMMUNICATIONS

"There is no doubt," began Hardy, "that Merlin phone systems from British Telecom are perfect for my requirements. The consultant nodded sagely. "Just as a suit is the perfect attire for work." The consultant stopped in mid-nod. "Come," announced Hardy, "between us we will tailor a Merlin system to our exact size and structure which will save time, temper and money by being uniquely fashioned to our every foible."

HARDY'S FANTASY

Hardy came to an abrupt halt. "Take the sales department." The consultant took a step back at such unprecedented pertinence. "Here," continued Hardy, "we need the phones to be grouped, so that an unattended phone can be answered from any other extension."

The consultant made a note in his book. "We need certain frequently used numbers to be accessed quickly and easily with short codes." The consultant made another note. Craning over his shoulder, Hardy noticed that the

consultant had written 'Merlin Octara', 'Group Pick Up' and 'Abbreviated Dialling'. Hardy

be able to see at a glance which extensions are busy, I need a telephone conferencing system.."

KEEPING ABREAST OF THE TIMES

The consultant waited for Hardy to come to a halt before speaking. "Mr Hardy. You mentioned the range of Merlin phone systems from British Telecom. I suggest that a Merlin Octara will accommodate your rich and diverse requirements."

"Doubtless, Mr Hardy, there'll be additions for your system in the future", said the consultant. "A Merlin Call Management system would give you all the information you need to make adjustments to your phone system to ensure peak performance at all times."

Hardy was stunned. Here was a man of formidable intellect, a certain vision and perhaps... Hardy turned to the consultant, "Tell me, where do you have your suits made?"

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 13: Mr R.O. White (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Tegucigalpa) and Mrs White had the honour of being received by the Queen this morning.

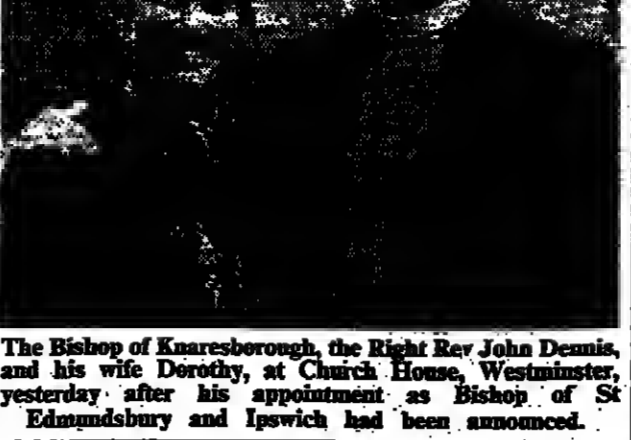
of the Commonwealth Foundation was in attendance.
The Right Hon. Margaret Thatcher, MP (Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury) had an audience of Her Majesty this evening.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother.
KENSINGTON PALACE
MAY 13: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, was present this afternoon at the County Presidents' Conference at St John Headquarters, Grosvenor Crescent.

Dinners
General Dental Council
Sir Frank Lawton, President of the General Dental Council, and members held a ladies' night dinner last night at 37 Wimpole Street.

nicians, held in the Great Hall of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, to celebrate the first five years of the Association.

inaugural Drapers' lecture given by Lord Penning. Others present included Lord Denning, the principal and Lady Menter, Sir Arthur and Lady Drew, the Dean of the Faculty of Laws, the Director of the Centre for Commercial Law Studies, the vice-principal, principal, governors and the college secretary.



The Bishop of Knaresborough, the Right Rev John Dennis, and his wife Dorothy, at Church House, Westminster, yesterday after his appointment as Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich had been announced.

Technology aids fight on malaria

A new technique for examining blood for malaria parasites will enable technicians to process 1,000 finger-prick blood samples a day, instead of 60 as at present.
About a third of the world's population is exposed to the risk of malaria infection, and doctors engaged in the battle against the disease are constantly frustrated by the parasite's ability to develop resistance to drugs that initially seem promising.

Memorial Services

Sir Miles Clifford
A memorial service for Sir Miles Clifford was held in the Chapel of the Order of the British Empire, St Paul's Cathedral, yesterday.

Science report

Reception

Ruskin Society of London
Lady Lloyd of Kilgerman received guests at a reception of the Ruskin Society of London held yesterday evening at the Royal Institution in Great Britain.

OBITUARY ERNLE BRADFORD

Mariner who chronicled Mediterranean history
Ernie Bradford, the author whose books vividly record the history of the Mediterranean, has died, aged 64.
As a small boy at Uppingham School, he took steps to inherit the study once held by James Eroy Flecker.

Births, Marriages, Deaths and in Memoriam

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MARRIAGES
BOUQUET to Miss J.M. Seaway. The marriage took place on May 9th in London of Mr. Jonathan Bouquet, younger son of Mr. & Mrs. C.P. Bouquet, to Miss J.M. Seaway, only daughter of Mr. & Mrs. L.K. Seaway.

DEATHS
ALBRECHT On May 11th 1986, peacefully in a Nursing Home, Joan C. Albrecht, aged 62 years, much loved wife of the late John C. Albrecht and much loved mother of Michael and Peter. Service at St. Peter's Church, London, on Tuesday, May 13th, 12.30pm, followed by interment. Enquiries to H.C. Greenwood Ltd. Tel: 01-481 6081.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
BENTON A Service of Thanksgiving for the late Dr. Donald Benton will be held at St. John's Church, Hyde Park Crescent, London W2 on Wednesday 22nd May 1986 at 12 noon.

Luncheons

National Children's Home
Viscount Toppandy, Chairman of the National Children's Home, presided at a 'Children in Danger' luncheon held yesterday at the Travellers' Club and received a gift from Mr. John O'Connell.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. H. Palmer and Miss J. C. Gascoigne-Peet
The engagement is announced between Mr. R. H. Palmer, Brigadier G. M. Palmer and the late Mrs. U. D. Palmer, of Overton, Hampshire, and Julia, younger daughter of Mr. J. Gascoigne-Peet and the late Mrs. J. Gascoigne-Peet, of Reigate, Surrey.

MR IAN HENDERSON

Mr Ian Henderson, a leading stockbroker and business consultant in the City who also devoted much time and energy to the Mental Health Foundation, has died, aged 77.
His business activities extended to many countries, including the United States, where he visited regularly and where he had many business associates and friends.

BIRTHS

ANDREWS On 11th May, at Guy's Hospital (London), a son, Edward (1st), and a daughter, Caroline (1st).
AYTON On 7th May at Tampa (see also item on 10th May), a son, Thomas Marc.

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IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

ALBERTA BRIDGE GREEN 11th May 1886 to 1st March 1979. You would have been 100 years old. My thoughts and love are with you today as always.

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MISS MILLICENT SILVER

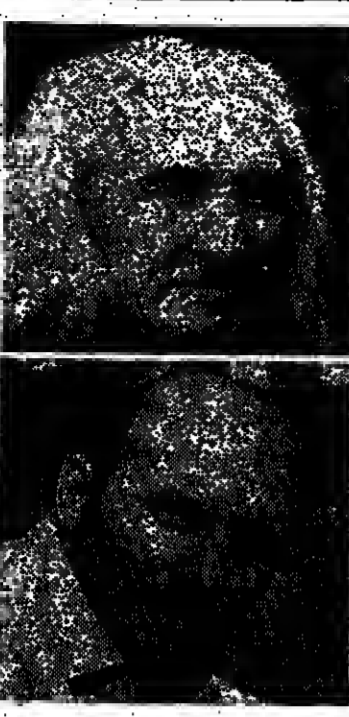
Miss Millicent Silver, FRCM, the harpsichordist and pianist, died on May 1 after a long illness.
She went to the Royal College of Music as a scholar at the age of 17 and won both the Chappell medal for piano playing and the Tagore gold medal as the outstanding student of her year.

Advertisement for 'Parental Problem' featuring a television screen and text about child behavior.

THE ARTS

Television
Parental problem

British attitudes to surrogate parenthood appeared feebly and sexist by comparison with those of American advocates contributing to Society, Science and Sex (ITV), the second of three debates staged by Granada.



Isaac Stern (top), celebrated - unusually - on the hundredth anniversary of his death; and Henze, bringing an Italian accent of sorts, and the UK premiere of his Seventh Symphony

The BBC today officially unveils its plans for the 1986 season of Henry Wood Promenade Concerts; the architect of the season, until his recent retirement from the post of Controller, Music, was Robert Ponsonby, who here gives an insight into the pleasures and problems of organizing what is often called the world's greatest music festival

Unique responses to the unfamiliar challenge

Liszt (top), celebrated - unusually - on the hundredth anniversary of his death; and Henze, bringing an Italian accent of sorts, and the UK premiere of his Seventh Symphony



Dallapiccola (top), given three hearings, most notably his one-act opera Il prigioniero; and Bruckner, for the first time more strongly represented than Mahler

Isaac Stern's memorable dictum, "If nobody wants to come, nothing will stop them", applies less acutely to the Proms than to any other concert series I know of. But it applies, and whoever leads the programmes can run only so many risks. Assessing the number and size of them puts a sharp edge on the job.

Programmes are made in many different ways and consultation is essential if the needs of the planner are to be reconciled with the tastes of the conductor. But consultation sometimes veers towards disputation and no doubt there are conductors who carry the scars of flesh-wounds inflicted by me. I certainly carry some such scars myself.

offered three works so "right" for the Proms (and for him) that there was nothing more to be said. Sometimes it happens the other way round. I have a scrap of paper on which - at a dull committee meeting when I was near Sir Charles Groves - I wrote: "What about Wagner Faust Faure Pavane Chausson Poeme with Jesse and Brahms 27".

ard Hickox - though we argued about the order - welcomed a British programme of Delius, Britten, Walton and Nigel Osborne. Would that the most eminent international figures were so responsive.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON

- MAHLER Symphony No 8 (BBCSO/Maazel), July 18 (first night)
MONTEVERDI Orfeo (Early Opera Project/Norington), July 20
HENZE Symphony No 7 UK premiere (BCSO/Rattle), July 25
BOULEZ Figures-Doubles-Prismes (BBCSO/Boulez), July 26
ELGAR Violin Concerto (Haendel/BBCSO/Pritchard), July 30
HANDEL Solomon (English Concert/Pitcock), August 5
MESSIAEN Turangalla Symphony (NYO/Elder), August 6
BRUCKNER Symphony No 3 (Philharmonia/Kurt Sanderling), August 14
VERDI Simon Boccanegra (Glyndebourne Festival Opera/Haitink), August 17
DALLAPICCOLA Il prigioniero (BBCSO/Atherton), August 18
BERLIOZ Romeo and Juliet (BBCSO/Baudou), August 22
MOZART Requiem (Monteverdi Choir/English Baroque Soloists/Gaidner), August 26
STRAUSS Ein Heldenleben (LPO/Haitink), August 29
MAHLER Symphony No 9 (Toronto SO/Andrew Davis), September 1
BARTOK Miraculous Mandarin (LSO/Abbado), September 2
MAHLER Symphony No 5 (BBCSO/Janowski), September 7
BEETHOVEN Symphony No 3 (Bavarian Radio SO/Colin Davis), September 8

Opera
Maskarade
Morley College

Radio and records have made Nielsen's Maskarade (1906) less of an unknown opera than it once was, but it has waited until now for a stage production in Britain, by the students who form Morley Opera.

Concerts
Noras/Johns
St John's/Radio 3

St John's is kind to cellists. As soon as they find themselves in the church at Smith Square, with its pillars, arched lights and tiled floor, the shoulders relax, the chest expands and the very wood of the cello seems to dilate in its warm acoustic.

LPO/Tennstedt
Festival Hall

That unique mixture of urgency and opulence which is the hallmark of all Klaus Tennstedt's interpretations (if such many-splendoured objects could be reduced to a single hallmark) found perhaps its ultimate medium in a Beethoven's Symphony No 5. One could have predicted so much, but not the way in which Tennstedt turned the conventional drama upside-down.

Theatre
Inbuilt ironies

Fail/Safe
Soho Poly
Ayshe Raif's play opens with a spot of domestic bother between an anxiously protective mother and a rebel daughter who has just quit the nest and moved into a greasy bed-sit.



Sheila Barrall as the mother's go-ahead sister

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AFTER THE THEATRE
OR WHENEVER
THE MOOD
TAKES YOU
At The Restaurant... THE RESTAURANT

prove eventually to be just the match their parents wanted. Nielsen was obviously more concerned with the situation comedy than any drama of character, and this last production of Andrew Downie's 20 years with the Morley Opera group is entirely characteristic in making the most of available resources, vocal and otherwise.

ACTION AGAINST AIDS
A Gala Charity Performance Of
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Test case on vaccine may be reopened

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

The Official Solicitor is to apply to take over a crucial test case concerning claims that a boy aged 16 suffered "catastrophic" brain damage from whooping cough vaccine.

King steps up pressure in US on extradition

From Michael Binyon, Washington
A refusal by the US Senate to ratify the US-British extradition treaty would "simply not be understood in the UK," according to Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.

The brave gather to share their memories



Captain Charles Upham (left), Mrs Odette Hallows and Mr Keith Payne attending a remembrance and dedication service at St Martin-in-the-Fields, central London, yesterday for Victoria and George Cross medal holders. The service was also attended by Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, president of the medal holders' association.

Activists infiltrate Wapping pickets

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which they want replaced by militant organizations based on the shopfloor.

Times copies taken from van in France

Paris - A group of men, said to be armed with crowbars, yesterday stopped a van carrying British newspapers for distribution in France, and removed 1,050 copies of The Times (Susan Macdonald writes).

Labour faces rift with left

Continued from page 1
would have a profound effect on public opinion.

Weather forecast

Pressure will remain low over the British Isles with a depression to the N of Scotland and another moving across England and Wales.

Today's events

Royal engagements
The Queen gives a reception for VCs and GCs, Buckingham Palace, 4.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,045

A crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points for words. The grid is 17 squares wide and 14 squares high.

- ACROSS
1 Way a pharmacist emulates a butterfly? Just so (6).

Books - hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week
An Intellectual History of Wartime Japan 1931-1945, by Shunsuke Tsurumi (KPI, £20)

The Halifax House Price Index

Table showing Halifax House Price Index for ALL HOUSES and NEW HOUSES from 1985 to 1986. Columns include Index, Annual change, and New Houses.

Anniversaries

Births: Thomas Galabrough, baptised, Sudbury, Suffolk, 1727; Robert Owen, pioneer of socialism, Newtown, Powys, 1771.

Parliament today

Cowness (2.30): Wages Bill, progress on remaining stages.
Lorris (2.30): Debates on preventing disability on agricultural land.

Tower Bridge

Tower Bridge will be raised today at 2pm and again at 6.45pm approximately.

Lighting-up time

London 9.14 pm to 4.39 am
Bristol 9.23 pm to 4.49 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: C
London 11, Manchester 10, Glasgow 8.

The pound

Table showing exchange rates for the pound against various currencies and gold prices.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Cloud) and temperatures across different regions of Britain.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions and temperatures in various foreign cities.

Roads

London and South-east: Roadworks in Stone St. Right-angled slip at junction with A201.

Portfolio Gold

Times Portfolio Gold rules are as follows. The Times Portfolio is a fund of gold shares.

Solution to Puzzle No 17,044

A crossword puzzle grid with the words filled in. The words include: ACROSS 1. Butterfly, 5. Coxcomb, 9. Deck, 12. Scholar, 15. Drummer, 17. Meticulous, 20. Spanish, 21. Head, 22. Afternoon, 23. Pilot, 24. Sulfur, 25. Back.

Vertical advertisements on the right margin, including 'STOCK MARKET', 'Lloyds Bank', and 'POSTAL OFFICE'.

WALL STREET

New York (agencies)—Shares were mixed in featureless, early trading yesterday, after opening slightly higher. About half an hour after trading started, the Dow Jones industrial average had managed to rise by 0.74 of a point to 1,788.07.

The gain in April's retail sales, though small at 0.5 per cent, compared with the expected 1 per cent, failed to

trigger any strong positive reaction in bonds to aid an upturn in share prices. Declining stocks outnumbered rising ones by a small margin and the composite averages were mixed. Oil stocks continued to edge higher. Texaco led the active list, up by 1/4 to 33 3/4. Five of the 10 most active stocks were unchanged as dull trading patterns continued.

Table with columns for stock symbols (e.g., AMR, AIG, ALC) and their corresponding prices and changes. Includes sub-sections for 'CANADIAN PRICES' and 'FINANCIAL TRUSTS'.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table showing market rates for various currencies and time periods (1 month, 3 months, 6 months).

DOLLAR SPOT RATES table listing exchange rates for various international currencies like Singapore, Hong Kong, and others.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE table listing prices for various commodities such as copper, tin, and lead.

OTHER STERLING RATES table showing rates for currencies like the Australian dollar, New Zealand dollar, and others.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD table providing data on Euro money deposits, gold prices, and other financial metrics.

ECGD table listing rates for the Export Credit Guarantee Department, including interest rates and terms.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES table showing futures prices for various financial instruments.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS table listing various investment trusts and their performance metrics.

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Table listing various unit trusts and their performance metrics, including names like 'AMER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS' and 'ALLIED INVESTMENT MANAGERS'.

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Butt puts



Blue Arrow aiming to acquire large American business

By Cliff Feltham

A big takeover deal in the United States is being lined up by Mr Tony Berry, head of the Blue Arrow employment agency group, after yesterday's agreed £16.2 million acquisition of the executive recruitment specialist Hoggett Bowers.



Tony Berry: Buying Hoggett vital for expansion in US from the keen demand preceding the big bang in the City.

Mr Berry said: "There is a huge market in the United States which we intend to break into in a big way. We are looking at acquiring a business with a turnover of around £50 million or more."

Shops dispute estimates of strong retail sales

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Retailers, which have been seeing normal seasonal selling patterns upset by the long winter and late spring are puzzled by the Government estimates which show a strong retail sales in March.

Reports to the Retail Consortium, the trade body which speaks for most retailers, have indicated good, but not spectacular sales during March and into April.

seasonal adjustment has been quite precise, particularly as it was the first time for some years that the whole of the Easter break fell in March.

Retailers are disputing the Government figures. The Retail Consortium says that the increase in sales is due to a rise in the volume of goods sold.

Mr Berry said that Blue Arrow will be moving to a full listing on the stock market next month.

The fact that Mr Johnson was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Mr Preston Martin, the present vice-chairman, over other top candidates, says much about the pivotal role he is expected to play as number two.

Bailey Morris reports on the Fed's significant new faces White House acts to contain Volcker's power

The Reagan Administration has announced two key appointments to the Federal Reserve Board which are designed to check the power of the chairman, Mr Paul Volcker, and broaden the international expertise of the central bank, officials said yesterday.



Paul Volcker: checked but still in charge

But they said the proposed elevations of Mr Mansel Johnson to vice-chairman and Mr Heinz Robert Heller to a forthcoming vacancy on the board did not constitute the revolt against Mr Volcker's firm rule which had been predicted in recent months.

Indeed, the White House has rejected all attempts by seated governors and potential nominees to force it to make promises which would undermine Mr Volcker's authority as chairman, a position he holds until August next year.

£2.2 million Edington shares for market

By Lawrence Lever

A blow was struck for the junior financial services league yesterday with the public launch of Edington, a banking and financial services institution aiming to serve medium-size private companies, primarily in the North of England.

Edington intends to be a one-stop financial services group providing commercial banking, corporate finance, insurance broking and investment management services.

banking and corporate finance field. In addition to servicing the companies, he hopes to manage the personal financial affairs of the proprietors.

Wholesale lender launched

By Our City Staff

The mortgage market gained another new entrant yesterday with the launch by Kleinwort Benson, the City merchant bank, of the Mortgage Funding Corporation, a wholesale lender of mortgage finance to lending institutions.

Mr Roger Boden, a director of Kleinwort, said yesterday that the role of MFC was "to find mortgage loans at low cost without recourse to the originator of the mortgage."

operative with the board made up of representatives of a cross-section of the institutions supplying the mortgages.

WATERFORD AGAIN RAISE THEIR GLASSES TO A RECORD PROFIT - IR £18.5 MILLION

Woolwich takes over society

By Our City Staff

The marriage plans of the Woolwich Equitable Building Society, which pulled out of a £15 billion merger with the Nationwide last November, took off again yesterday with the announcement of a merger with the Property Owners Building Society.

The Property Owners' chairman, the Earl of Kinnoull, said the changes in the building society industry, coupled with the new legislation for societies, had forced a reappraisal of strategy.

He added that, although the society was not relinquishing its independence lightly, a merger with the Woolwich would provide the maximum benefits to members and staff of the society.

Highams steps up Canal holding

By Judith Hanley, Commercial Property Correspondent

Highams has increased its holding in the Manchester Ship Canal Company, for which it made a cash bid on Monday.

price is 625p cash per ordinary share and 300p per preference share.

centre, which could be profitably developed for retailing if the planners agree.

COMPANY NEWS

HAZLEWOOD FOODS: Sunalco, a subsidiary, has acquired Paul Hoskin, a producer, for £217,000, satisfied by 14.7 million Hazelwood ordinary shares and £103,075 cash.

BRICKHOUSE DUDLEY: In accordance with the information in the Glynwed offer document, the directors of Brickhouse have declared a second interim dividend of 2.65p net in lieu of a final.

SNOWDON & BRIDGE: Company has acquired the wholesale grocery and cash-and-carry business of A H Craddock, of Brownhills, near Birmingham.

BASE LENDING RATES

Table with 2 columns: Lender and Rate. Includes ABN (10.50%), Adam & Company (10.50%), BCCI (10.50%), etc.

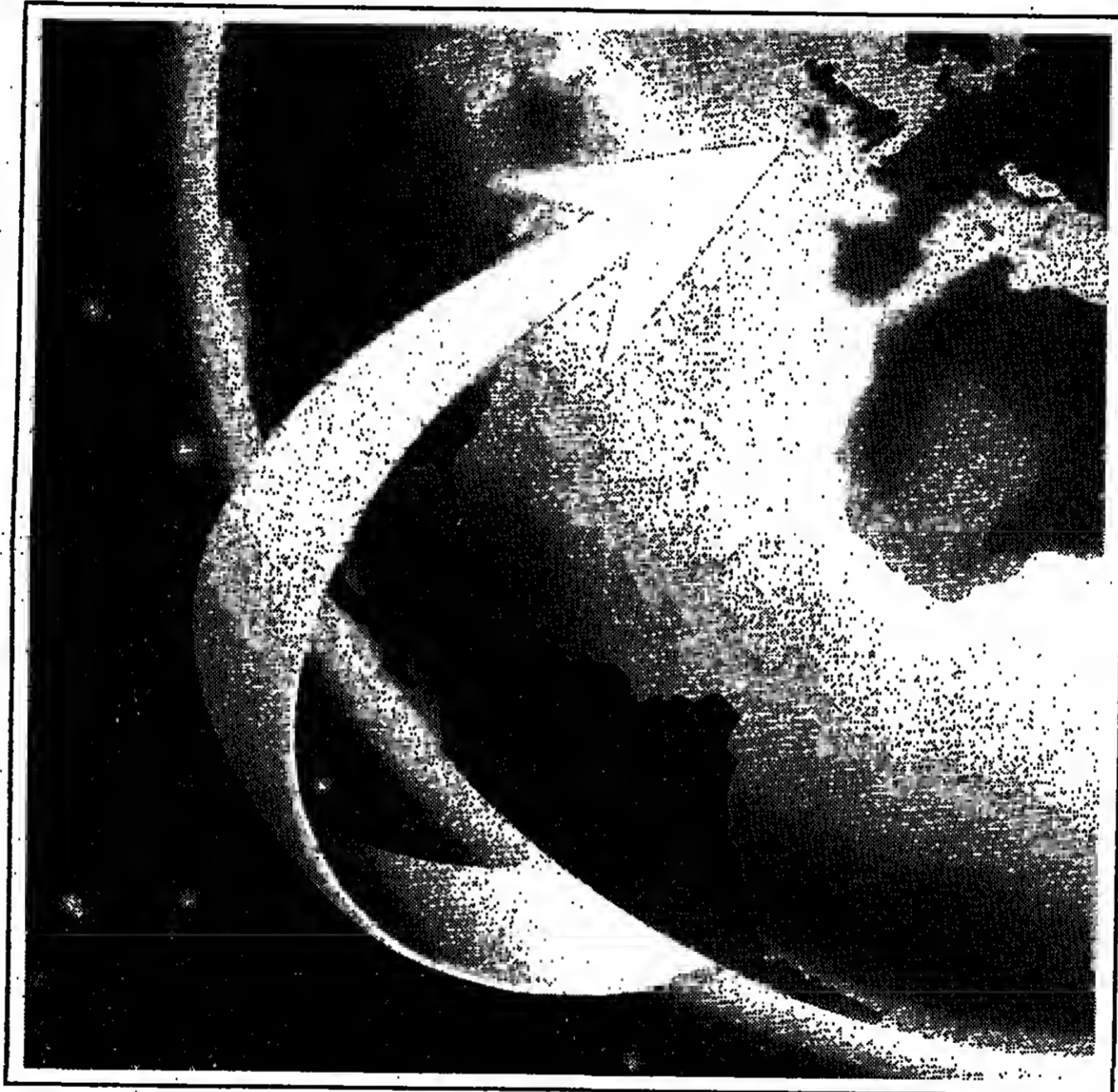
STYLO: Results for year to February 1. Dividend 4.5p (same). Figures in £000. Turnover 49,276 (58,752), pre-tax loss 259 (2,350) profit, tax 154 (514), extraordinary credit 1,660 (100), charge after tax and extraordinary (items) 247 profit (1,736). Loss per share: 2.05p (8.86p earnings).

DATASERV: Results for 1985. Fixed 1.65 cents (1.15), making 2.25 cents (1.75). Figures in \$000. Gross revenue 138.981 (101,047) reclassified earnings before tax 6,012 (3,449), taxes 2,307 (1,339).

Waterford Glass Group plc advertisement featuring various glassware images and company details.

Waterford Glass Group plc financial highlights section including line graphs for Earnings per Share, Sales, Profits before Tax, and Capital Employed, along with a coupon for the 1985 Report & Accounts.

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Table with 4 columns: No., Company, Group, Gain or Loss. Lists various companies like Somportia, Grand Met, Irish Dist, etc.

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Weekly Dividend Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 on Saturday's newspaper.

Table with 7 columns: Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat, Weekly Total. Shows daily dividend amounts.

BRITISH FUNDS

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, Stock, Price. Lists various funds like SHORTS (Under Five Years), FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS, OVER FIFTEEN YEARS.

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Table with 4 columns: High, Low, Stock, Price. Lists various funds under INDEX-LINKED.

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, Stock, Price. Lists various banks under BANKS DISCOUNT HP.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES Equities make headway

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began May 12. Dealings end May 30. Contango day June 2. Settlement day June 9. Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Table with 4 columns: High, Low, Company, Price. Lists various companies under BREWERIES.

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RACING: REJUVENATE AND ALA MAHLIK RUN PLEASING OAKS TRIALS

Shahrastani to advance Hanbury sees no danger to his filly

Shahrastani, the second favourite for the Derby, has an excellent opportunity to advance his claims further at York today when he contests the Mecca-Dante Stakes over a mile and 2/4 furlongs.

Midway Lady remained a firm favourite for the Oaks after Rejuvenate had beaten Ala Mahlik by a neck in a thrilling finish to the Mecca-Dante Stakes at York yesterday.



Rejuvenate holds the late challenge of Ala Mahlik in York's Musidora Stakes

IRISH GUINEAS

Sure Blade may miss Curragh for Paris

Green Desert and Huntingdale, second and third, respectively, to Dancing Brave in the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket, have been installed co-favourites at 5-2 for the Irish equivalent at the Curragh on Saturday (Michael Seely writes).

YORK C4

Going: good Draw: no advantage 2.0 RACE-A-ROUND YORKSHIRE STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,340: 6f) (15 runners)

2.0 Quil Esprit, 2.35 Sakr, 3.5 Freedom's Choice, 3.40 Shahrastani, 4.10 Great Leigs, 4.45 Ben Dorado.

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WORCESTER

Going: good to firm 2.0 FOREGATE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (2,0: 24: 6f) (17 runners)

2.0 Dabulov Boy, 2.30 Troop Leader, 3.0 Gen Berg, 3.30 Deep and Even, 4.0 Silver Wind, 4.30 True Heritage, 5.0 Metman.

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BRIGHTON

Going: good Draw: low numbers best 1.45 GORING SELLING STAKES (Div 1: £246: 1m) (11 runners)

1.45 My Derya, 2.15 Dutch Courage, 2.45 Koryphos, 3.15 Tussac (nap), 3.45 Dynamic Baby, 4.15 Detroit Sam, 4.45 Fleeting Affair.

1.45 My Derya, 2.15 Dutch Courage, 2.45 Fei Long, 3.15 Tussac, 3.45 Dorade, 4.15 Vorticity, 4.45 Princely Estate.

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AYR

Going: soft 5.45 EBF AYRSHIRE HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £204: 3m 11yds) (9 runners)

5.45 Flying Ace, 6.15 Saleider, 6.45 Warwick Suite, 7.15 The Thinker, 7.45 Hardy Ranch, 8.15 Old Nick, 8.45 Border Tinker.

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FOLKESTONE

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Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle

BBC 1

- 6.00 Ceefax AM.
- 6.50 Breakfast Time with Frank Sough and Selina Scott. Weather at 6.55, 7.25, 7.55, 8.25 and 8.55. Regional news, weather and traffic at 6.57, 7.27, 7.57 and 8.27; national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 8.55. The new Top Twenty at 7.32; and a review of the morning newspapers at 8.57. Plus, Beverly Air's fashion forecasts; and Alison Mitchell's 'phone-in financial advice'.
- 9.20 Ceefax 10.30 Play School, presented by Sarah Long and Stuart Bradley. 10.50 Ceefax. 11.00 The new edition of the magazine programme for Asian women includes: 'London: the first Asian head teacher at a school for the disabled, discussing her work as a teacher and a mother of a handicapped son'; 'Ranjana Badhika explains how she looks after her four children and cares for her handicapped husband, 11.15 Ceefax.
- 12.30 News After Noon with Richard Whitmore and Sue Carpenter includes news headlines with subtitles 12.55 Regional news. From Michael Fish. Peabody Mill at One with Paul Cullen. The Pastor and Magnus Magnusson. Michael Smith presents recipes from his BBC book, New English Cookery. A preview of the Courtelle Fashion Awards; and engineer John Dixon talks about his ordeal when he was held hostage by rebel Angolan forces. 1.00 Ceefax. 1.30 The Champions. The Nemesis agents have been programmed to kill each other. (12.30) Partholou Katsikas. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and cream are dealt with by Grace Mulligan and her panel. Helen Forth on the Milk Marketing Board. 3.00 University Challenge. Jesus College, Oxford, v. Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. 3.25 Ceefax. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. A reprint of the programme shown at noon 4.10 The Banders. Ceefax. 4.15 Basil's Job Machine 4.30 Popmusic. Pop music quiz. 4.55 Roadrunner. Cartoon.
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TV AM

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- 9.25 Thames news headlines. 9.30 For Schools: celebrations - birthdays 9.47 A tour of Copenhagen's port and the new museum. 10.04 Epsom: an aircraft air landed safely 10.21 A visit to a tramway museum 10.33 English: the play Auden, by Alma Brown. 11.00 Epsom: a visit to Mr. Marm's drama, 11.20 Enjoy a poem. For the hearing impaired 11.30 Chemistry: experiment: mechanism of alkane bromination. 11.55 Ceefax. 12.00 Ceefax. 12.05 Ceefax. 12.10 Our Backyard. (r) 12.30 Understanding Adolescents. The first of a six-part programme series presented by Anna Ford, designed for parents of adolescents, dealing with areas of mutual concern. 1.00 Ceefax. 1.05 Ceefax. 1.30 The Champions. The Nemesis agents have been programmed to kill each other. (12.30) Partholou Katsikas. Milk, yoghurt, cheese and cream are dealt with by Grace Mulligan and her panel. Helen Forth on the Milk Marketing Board. 3.00 University Challenge. Jesus College, Oxford, v. Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. 3.25 Ceefax. 3.30 Sons and Daughters. A reprint of the programme shown at noon 4.10 The Banders. Ceefax. 4.15 Basil's Job Machine 4.30 Popmusic. Pop music quiz. 4.55 Roadrunner. Cartoon.
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CHANNEL 4

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Gower's terms tell of TCCB anxiety

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

In the ordinary way the appointment of an England captain following a tour is seen as a vote of confidence. But not this time. Yesterday's announcement that David Gower will lead England in the two one-day internationals later this month and also the first Test match, rather than the full series, or indeed for the following series against New Zealand as well, tells of the selectors' anxieties.

Had they had the courage of their convictions they would, I think, have given Gattling the job here and now. Instead, while wishing Gower every success, the Test and County Cricket Board have informed him that they are determined to improve standards both on and off the field and have made it clear that they expect their players once again to show a real pride in playing for England.

Gower's reaction to this was to say, "I am obviously on trial. The ball is in my court."

I've been asked to show more authority. So it is up to me. At least I know where I stand. Whether, in fact, he does, or could, when the selectors themselves hedge their bets, is another matter.

England gave the impression in the West Indies of not putting their backs into things (the authorities at Lord's have received numerous protests to this effect) and the captain must take much of the responsibility for that. Throughout a difficult tour there was a conspicuous lack of leadership. Some of the younger players endured weeks of disillusionment.

In Barbados, after losing to the island side and then by an innings to West Indies, Gower made the next practice, some days later, optional, and took himself off to the beach. So much for the responsibilities which go with leading England and for Peter May's injunction, earlier in the week, that a special effort be made to "stop

the rot". It was this sort of thing, at least as much as Gower's tactical shortcomings and the licence he allows Botham, which prompted the selectors' stern and timely warning.

In giving Gower another chance the selectors no doubt took into account his record last year, when he captained a winning side against India and Australia, which was much to his credit, as well as the fact that he was England's most successful batsman in the Tests against West Indies. He also played a helpful part in persuading Graham Gooch to go to Antigua.

Then there was Willis's failure in the West Indies, of course, that with or without net practice, or discipline and dedication, England will make all the runs they need against India in the coming weeks and will be captained in Australia next winter by Gower.

though, that once again lip service, nothing more, has been paid to the standards which the Board espouse yet which they know are being compromised.

Those standards have not least to do with appearances, which means shaving more than every third day (those, that is, without beards) and not looking like tramps or stretching out on players' balconies in front of thousands of spectators in only the briefest of shorts or being without blazers when meeting the Governor-General or taking the field in drabs and drabs. Such slovenliness was not to be seen last winter in the West Indian camp. The chances are, of course, that with or without net practice, or discipline and dedication, England will make all the runs they need against India in the coming weeks and will be captained in Australia next winter by Gower.

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CYCLING

Delight as Pino homes in

From John Wilcockson
Jerez de la Frontera
The victory yesterday of Alvaro Pino, aged 29, in the 41st Tour of Spain was a triumph for the underdog. Most of the inhabitants of Pino's home town of Puenteareas, some wearing their colourful traditional dress, travelled the 700 miles by coach and plane from wet Galicia to dry Andalusia to witness his triumph. Pino's best previous performance was eighth in last year's Tour of Spain.

Remarkably, Pino won the final 12.5 miles time trial yesterday, seven seconds ahead of the double Tour de France winner, Laurent Fignon, and 33 seconds ahead of his last and only rival, Robert Millar, of Scotland. The Glaswegian, aged 26, raced brilliantly to take fourth place in the stage, but his best was not good enough.

On a course that started on the modern Jerez motor racing circuit among the vineyards that produce the world's finest sherry, Millar was always fighting a losing battle. The third place in the time trial went to Sean Kelly, who conceded that he was not 100 per cent motivated.

FINAL STAGE: 12.5 miles time trial (Spanish unless stated): 1. A. Pino, 25min 43sec; 2. L. Fignon (Fr), 25:53; 3. S. Kelly (Ire), 26:08; 4. R. Millar (GB), 26:16; 5. P. Ruiz-Cabestany (Sp), 26:18; 6. M. Indurain, 26:18; 7. J. Gaston, 26:24; 8. D. Dietzen (WG), 26:39; 9. J. Vandendriessche (Bel), 26:45; 10. M. Lejarreta, 26:48. Overall positions: 1. Pino, 98:16.04; 2. Millar at 1:08; 3. Kelly, 5:19; 4. Dietzen, 5:28; 5. Lejarreta, 7:12; 6. Ruiz-Cabestany, 7:28; 7. Fignon, 7:29.

MOTOR RALLYING

Fatalities prompt Audi to withdraw

By John Goodbody

Audi, the West German car manufacturer, have withdrawn their cars from this year's world championship because of fatal accidents in three recent races. The move follows the decision by FISA, the sport's world governing body, to restrict from next year the exceptionally powerful 'B' cars which have been involved in tragedies in the Portuguese, Safari and Corsican rallies.

Audi's unexpected decision was prompted by the deaths of the Finnish driver, Henri Toivonen, and his co-driver, Sergio Cresto, of Italy, in the Corsican rally this month when they were trapped in their burning Lancia.

Wolfgang Habel, the chairman of Audi, said in Munich yesterday that the decision had been with the agreement of the drivers of Audi's two works teams, Hannu Mikkola, of Finland, and the West German, Walter Rohrl, both former world champions, and their co-drivers, Arne Hertz and Christian Geislerdorfer.

Audi have been one of the most successful rally teams in the 1980s and their decision will have a profound impact on this year's championship in which only five of the 13 rallies have been held. The next event, the Acropolis, begins on May 31. Audi, whose last won the world title in 1984, are third in this year's championship.

No other leading manufacturer had last night followed Audi's decision but a spokesman for the RAC, whose annual rally is watched by three million spectators, said

they were sad at losing one of the most famous contenders for November's race. "It is a great shame and it will have a serious effect on the rally," he said. "But we understand Audi's attitude."

FISA have already acted to limit group 'B' cars which have been criticized for being "formula one cars in disguise." Rallying is open to both group 'A' and group 'B' cars, but in recent years group 'B' entries have dominated the annual championship.

Group 'A' consists of production cars where at least 5,000 similar models have been produced over 12 consecutive months. They are the sort of cars driven by the public. Few cars would cost more than £6,000 new or be capable of exceeding 130 mph. The regulations for group 'B' is that only 200 models need to have been built, which usually restricts them to professional drivers. Often group 'B' will include cars costing more than £85,000 and capable of going faster than 160 mph.

The inclusion of both groups in the world rallying championship has created a gap between the ordinary person using group 'A' and the works driver driving a car from group 'B'. An enthusiastic amateur driver can no longer compete on level terms in rallying and FISA's action has been designed to allow amateur drivers a better chance of a high placing in the demanding sport which marries endurance and speed time-trials, often at night.

BOXING

McGuigan is out to learn

By Srikanth Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Barry McGuigan gets the chance to learn from the master when he starts his preparation next week for the defence of his World Boxing Association featherweight title against the Argentinian Fernando Sosa, in Las Vegas, on June 23.

McGuigan, who leaves for California next Tuesday, will train in Palm Springs with his boyhood hero and the boxer he would like to model himself on - Roberto Duran, of Panama. The former world lightweight and welterweight champion will also be appearing on the same bill as McGuigan, against Robbie Sims.

McGuigan has been out of training because his manager, B.J. Eastwood, would like him to put on some weight for his trainer to work on. "Ideally, we want him to be ten or 12lb over the featherweight limit before he starts working in a warm climate. That will mean putting on six pounds before we leave," McGuigan will arrive in Las Vegas five days before the bout.

Frank Bruno, another British world title contender, will also have to get down to serious training soon. The date for his heavyweight title bout against the WBA champion, Tim Witherspoon, of the United States, has been set for July 19 at Wembley Stadium.

Ray Gilbody, the British bantamweight champion who failed in his challenge for the European title when he was controversially beaten by Ciro De Leva, of Italy, in Cosenza, is to get his chance to settle the score. The European Boxing Union have named the St Helens boxer as the official challenger.

The European middleweight title fight between Herol Graham, of Sheffield, and Tony Sibson will be staged by Frank Warren, whose purse bid of around £140,000 was accepted yesterday by the EBU.



Bobby Robson, the England manager, takes time out during a game of golf with his World Cup squad in Colorado Springs to enthuse about Hoddle - "one of the best natural two-footed players in Europe."

Hoddle looks a class apart

From Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent
Colorado

England are to continue their World Cup preparations here this afternoon with a fixture against the fellow finalists from South Korea. It will be another valuable outing for the scorers, whichever way it reads, will be as insignificant as their 11-0 victory against representatives from the local air force earlier in the week.

For a start, the game will be held on the playing fields of a local school and almost everybody in the two respective squads will be given a chance to stretch their legs. England's lone injury doubts concern Bryan Robson, who has strained an Achilles tendon, and Wilkins, who has damaged knee ligaments.

On Monday the pair of them went cycling (or on their Tour de France, as they preferred to call it), while their colleagues took more gentle exercise on the nearby golf course. Robson and Wilkins were the only two who did not take part in the substantial win.

Dixon and Hateley scored three goals apiece in each half but the outstanding individual was Hoddle, who bagged a couple. Let the appraisal of Bobby Robson, the England manager, speak for itself. "He was fantastic. The broadness of his vision amazed me. I used to admire Johnny Haynes, with whom I played, and I thought he was the best passer of a ball I'd ever seen."

"I am now beginning to think that Hoddle could be even better. His delivery and his touch were immaculate. He has always been talented but it seems that he has added much more to his game. Over the next three or four weeks he is in a position to prove himself to be one of the best natural two-footed players in Europe, if not in the world."

"The strength of the opposition is not that important. If he can do that in that sort of company, I believe he can do it anywhere."

England's activities have otherwise been limited to strolling up the nearby mountains to 10,000 feet. It was there that Bryan Robson suffered his injury.

Everton's four representatives were the last members of the party to complete the inordinately lengthy journey to the training camp. Their reception on entering the United States was particularly poignant. The question of a charless immigration officer could have been posed in no other country. On being told the purpose of their visit was to join England's build-up to the World Cup finals, he looked puzzled. "What's that?" he asked solemnly. "Is that for rowing?"

Over the weekend Lincker, Steven and Stevens were feted wherever they went between Wembley and Merseyside (Reid depressed by the defeat last Saturday, chose not to join the FA Cup final celebrations with their rivals).

Within hours of being acclaimed by numerous friends, they were being ignored by a few strangers. They came to Colorado to acclimatize to the altitude. It could be said they have, momentarily at least, travelled in the opposite direction. After flying high alongside Liverpool, they are now grounded in relatively private isolation.

TENNIS

Becker provides a touch of glamour

From Richard Evans, Rome

Rome this year promises to be everything that Monte Carlo was not. It has sunshine (which might have been predicted) and now, as an unexpected bonus, it also has Boris Becker.

It was, in fact, Becker's inability through injury to play at Monte Carlo which prompted him to ask for a wild card here. Becker takes his place as No.3 seed in the strongest field for an Italian Open seen at the Foro Italico since 1978, when Bjorn Borg won here for the last time.

Of the top 10 at presentative in the game, only Stefan Edberg is missing a tribute to the efforts that have been made to recapture some of the glamour and prestige of Rome in the early days of Open tennis.

Becker's appearance on the famous marble-tiled centre court certainly injected a little glamour into the proceedings as far as the Italian public was concerned because the place was three-quarters full, not a frequent occurrence on weekday afternoons in recent years. Becker made the most of a good first round draw and disposed of Michael Westphal, his West German Davis Cup team-mate, 6-2, 6-0.

Like Becker, Westphal prefers faster surfaces but unlike his compatriot he fails to make the necessary adjustment with his feet and gets lazy. Lazy players do not win on clay.

YACHTING

Peau and his crew victors on handicap

By Barry Pickett

L'Esprit d'Equipe, the 58ft Briard design skippered by Lionel Peau from St Malo, France, crossed the Portsmouth finish line at the end of the Whitbread round the world race shortly before midnight on Monday to take handicap honours both for this final 6,280-mile stage from Uruguay and the race.

Peau and his French crew of eight were greeted by a large patriotic crowd of Tricolour-bearing supporters firing flares off at will to the strains of a jazz band on the quayside. And the celebrations continued well into the early hours of the morning. The French yacht, sponsored by Bull Computers with the aim of engineering a greater team spirit within the company, won three of the four legs on handicap, finishing second to Philips Innovator on the second stage from Cape Town to Auckland, when a lack of wind at the finish robbed this crew of a clean sweep.

It was not all plain sailing however. After lifting out their fractionally rigged mast in Auckland for servicing, the crew found that the spar had buckled at deck level. The French mast manufacturer declined to replace the lower section, bolting plates each side of the damaged area instead. And this Heath Robinson repair almost cost them the race.

Shortly before rounding Cape Horn, as the yacht surfed through the Southern Seas at 12 to 15 knots, Lionel Peau suddenly noticed that continued pressure from the boom dragging in the water had exaggerated the original damage to the point where the section had almost cracked in half.

The crew hurriedly bolted a spare boom sleeve over the damage and, after rigging up a series of Spanish windlasses to support the section above and below deck, they managed to reach Punta del Este, the third stopover port with the rig just intact.

Three days ago, the mast was again distorted while surfing across the Bay of Biscay but by this time the crew knew they held a healthy lead over second-placed Philips Innovator and were able to take it relatively easy on the last 400 miles to the finish.

Norsk Data, the former Great Britain II now skippered by Bob Salmon, is due to complete her fifth circumnavigation this afternoon. Salmon and his 18-strong crew of amateurs, who all paid for the privilege of competing in this event, will be at least three-and-a-half days outside the yacht's record 134½-day circumnavigation set during the 1977-78 Whitbread race.

RESULTS: Total corrected time for Esprit d'Equipe 111 days 23 hours 09 minutes 49 seconds. 2 Philips Innovator 112 days 21 hours 31 minutes 07 seconds. 3 Fazar Finland 115 days 00 hours 48 minutes 10 seconds. 4 UBS Switzerland 117 days 04 hours 47 minutes 03 seconds.

EQUESTRIANISM

Phillips off to Poland

By Jenny MacArthur

Captain Mark Phillips, who had to withdraw from the squad for this month's world three-day event championships after his horse, Distinctive, developed a skin infection, is one of eight riders on the short list for the Polish CCIO (Cancours Complet Internationale Officielle) at Bialy Bor from September 18 to 21. Distinctive, winner of the Chatsworth three-day event last year, is said to be fit and well again.

Rachel Hunt, aged 20, is one of the younger riders on the list. Her inclusion comes after her outstanding performance at this year's Badminton, where she was runner-up on Piglet II.

With many of the European countries unable to find the resources to send a team to the world championships in Australia, it is expected that many of them, including Italy and The Netherlands, will send teams to Poland.

Major Malcolm Wallace, the director-general of the British Equestrian Federation, welcomed the Poles' innovative move.

The short-list for Poland is: M Gurdon (The Done Thing), R Hunt (Piglet II), G Leng (Night Cap II), H Ogden (Streetlighter/Cressage), M Phillips (Distinctive), R Powell (Catin of Rushall), I Stark (Glenhurme/Sir Wattle) and J Thelwall (Marsh Heron/King's Jester).

Venture Busby, Mandy Orchard's ride for next week's world championships in Australia, is giving cause for concern because of intermittent lameness behind. He is under observation.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Stevenson loophole

Reno (AP) - The International Amateur Boxing Association is to propose a 35-year-old age limit on boxers. But even if it is approved, it will contain a loophole that would allow the three-times Olympic champion, Teofilo Stevenson, of Cuba, to box in the 1988 Games in Seoul, South Korea, at the age of 37.

Dr Hans Grebe, the president of the association, said that when a boxer reached 35 he could apply for an extension to box until December of his 37th year and would be allowed to do so if he passed an annual examination. The 1988 Games will be held in September and early October of Stevenson's 37th year.

The proposal must be approved by the executive committee of the IABA, which is due to meet today, and by that group's congress. The congress meets in November at Bangkok, Thailand.

Cash pledge

Coventry City Football Club are expected to announce the name of their new manager within the next week and he will have money to spend on players. Ted Stocker, the club's chairman, said that money from the £130,000 sale of David Bowman and Jim McNally to Dundee United would be made available to strengthen the team.

Title bout

Tokyo (AP) - Tsuyoshi Hamada, of Japan, will challenge the champion, Rene Arredondo, of Mexico, for the World Boxing Council junior welterweight title in Tokyo on July 24.

Irish honour

Trevor Anderson, the Linfield forward and former Irish international, has been named Northern Ireland footballer-of-the-year. The former Manchester United, Swindon Town and Peterborough United player, now aged 35, scored 32 goals this season to help Linfield win the Irish League championship for the fifth time.

Mike again

Newport Rugby Football Club have picked the hooker, Mike Watkins, as captain for next season, his fourth successive year in charge. Newport were beaten finalists in the Welsh Cup this season, finished fourth in the merit table championship and won the Snelling Sevens.

£20,000 boost

Badminton has received a £20,000 boost from the equipment manufacturers, Reinforced Shuttlecocks Limited. The London-based company have agreed a nine per cent discount on a quarter of a million shuttlecocks they will sell next season, enabling £20,000 to be divided between the Badminton Association of England and the county associations to help develop the sport.



Terry Connor (above), the Brighton and Hove Albion footballer, yesterday signed a new three-year contract. Alan Mullery's first success after rejoining the club as manager. Connor, a forward who joined Brighton from Leeds United in an exchange deal involving Andy Ritchie, scored 16 goals in 38 matches this season.

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